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Keenan-Magovern Air Views On Radio Talk Show

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The campaign for the Third Hampden District State Representative seat crossed the river to Springfield for the only broadcast debate between Democratic incumbent Daniel Keenan of Blandford and Robert Magovern of Agawam, the Republican challenger.

On Monday afternoon, the two rivals appeared on the Dan Yorke Show on WHYN Newstalk Radio in an hour-long session that included questions from the host, rebuttal of their opponent's answers, and an opportunity for each candidate to make brief opening and closing remarks.

Keenan said his accomplishments fostering economic development, working for welfare reform, and supporting education together with his perfect voting record, make him deserving of re-election.

If elected, Magovern said he would work on attracting major industry to Western Massachusetts.

"We can't have education reform without an expanded tax base coming from industry," Magovern said. "I want to see what I can do about bringing industry back this way."

Keenan said his work on the taxation committee had an impact on job creation by improving the perception of Massachusetts as being more receptive to business.

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ZBA Seeks More Details On Move By Donut Shop

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Before deciding whether to grant a special permit allowing a drive-thru window at the Springfield Street site of a proposed Dunkin' Donuts shop, the Board of Appeals has asked for more details on an access road connecting to North Westfield Street, a traffic study from the Police Department's safety officer, and an environmental impact study.

At the public hearing held on Thursday, October 24th, board members heard from donut shop owner John Salemi, architect Aldo Altobelli, and resident Lynette Williams, whose home on North Westfield Street abuts the access road to the drive-thru.

The public hearing was continued and will reconvene at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria on Thursday, November 14th.

Salemi plans to move from his current location in the Crossroads Shops to the site originally proposed as a McDonald's drive-thru restaurant two years ago. The site is adjacent to the Pride Gas Station and Convenience Store.

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POPULAR AFTERNOON TALK SHOW HOST DAN YORKE (left) of WHYN Newstalk 560 aired the only broadcast debate between Third Hampden District candidates Republican Robert Magovern (center, challenger) and Democrat Daniel Keenan (incumbent) this past Monday afternoon. Yorke is a Feeding Hills resident. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Problems Cited With Dismissal Process...

Federal Court Won't Reinstate Martin To AHS Coaching Post

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Former Agawam High School basketball Coach Mike Martin had his day in court on Friday, October 25th when he appeared with his lawyers in Springfield's Federal Court Building to state his case.

Then this past Monday, the Feeding Hills resident was told the court's decision - he would not be reinstated as the school's longtime boys' varsity coach. Martin said in an interview Monday night that he expected this from the court.

But he also felt he received a victory. U.S. Federal Magistrate Kenneth Neiman, said Martin, could have thrown the entire case out of court last Friday but delayed until Monday his ruling.

In his ruling, Neiman issued concerns that there might be a violation of Martin's due process by the Town of Agawam regarding how Martin's dismissal was handled.

Reinstatement Would Not Be Proper

The magistrate's ruling said that reinstating Martin would not be proper because high school coaches are not on year-to-year tenure and are not subject to the same regulations as full-time employees in the school system. (Martin's full-time job is in the private sector.)

The magistrate also contended that the town, regarding Martin's upcoming interview for the position, take an objective look at the interview committee responsible for selecting a new boys' varsity coach at AHS. He suggested that Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney be removed from

the interview committee.

The magistrate also said it would be difficult for Martin to receive an unbiased opportunity from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank A. Ameruso.

As athletic director, it is McSweeney's responsibility to recommend a coach for a post at the High School and it is ultimately the superintendent's responsibility either to approve or disapprove the recommendation.

Martin's lawyers contended that he was terminated while under contract and was not granted a hearing. Martin was dismissed for allegedly using harsh language against one of his players following a tough loss. The player complained to his parents, who in turn brought the matter to McSweeney.

McSweeney then dismissed Martin with the support of former Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder. There were three games remaining in the season at that time.

Martin's lawyer, John Connor of the Springfield firm of Moriarty and Connor, told us, "We filed the brief (in federal court) to expressly have the court reinstate Mike," he said.

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"When start-up companies are ready to go into the manufacturing stage, I want them to say, 'Why not go to Western Massachusetts rather than let's go to North Carolina,'" Keenan said.

Keenan said he's spent the last two years listening to people in town government, schools, seniors centers, and businesses across the district.

"I've taken all that I've learned back to Boston, and I give serious thought to every vote," Keenan said.

Magovern countered, "He's working locally and I want to get to Boston to work on bringing industry to this part of the state."

Education Is A Major Issue...

Both candidates identified education as the major issue on their respective agendas. But, they differed over where they would focus their efforts to improve education, and Magovern attacked Keenan for his position on the rules for firing school principals.

Keenan said making sure the state continued to fund education reform was a major concern.

"It's been a battle to live up to our commitments to education reform. We have to work to make sure the education system is improving," Keenan said.

Magovern agreed with the need to improve education, but he differed on the way to achieve that goal.

"I don't necessarily think it's money that's going to solve the problems," Magovern said.

Citing a news report dealing with insufficient teacher training and a lack of teacher motivation,

Magovern said, "We have to take as much of a look at the teachers and their training as we do at the students."

Keenan defended himself from the charge that he had "gone along with the teachers' union" by making it harder to get rid of school principals.

Giving principals a little more control within their school was the general idea behind education reform, and the phrase "just cause" needed to be upgraded to "good cause" as the grounds for firing a principal, Keenan said.

The candidates also differed on the issue of bilingual education in the public schools.

Magovern said he firmly believed it was in the best interest of the students to get rid of bilingual education as much as possible. Magovern asserted that teaching students in their native language kept them subservient and delayed their progress in English.

Keenan said his initial reaction was that students should be integrated into classes taught in English. However, after researching the problems of school systems faced with entire classrooms of non-English speakers, Keenan said he believes bilingual education may be necessary to achieve the goal of getting students into the mainstream of education in English as quickly as possible.

Magovern said he will bring more experience in business and in community affairs to the job of state representative.

"I differ with Dan Keenan on many bills," Magovern said. "Maybe it's the partisan Republican/Democrat thing."

Magovern said he is a firm believer in the Republican philosophy.



WHYN NEWSTALK afternoon host Dan Yorke makes a point during a live debate between Republican challenger Robert Magovern and Democrat incumbent Daniel Keenan on Monday. Magovern is challenging Keenan for his Third Hampden District seat in the Mass. House of Representatives on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Police Arrest Blotter For Week Of Oct. 21st-27th

On October 21, 1996, **Chantz Gresham** of 33 Norman Terrace, Agawam was arrested and charged with an outstanding Westfield warrant.

On October 22, 1996, **Maximino Salvador** of 43 Newell St., Chicopee was arrested and charged with operating after suspension and possession of a class "D" substance.

On October 22, 1996, **Jeffrey K. McCormick, Jr.**

of 161 Elm St., Agawam was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On October 23, 1996, **Anthony Griswold** of 26 Amherst Ave., Agawam was arrested and charged with four outstanding warrants.

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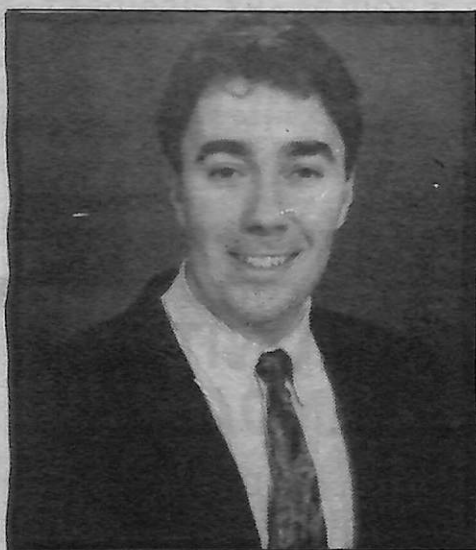
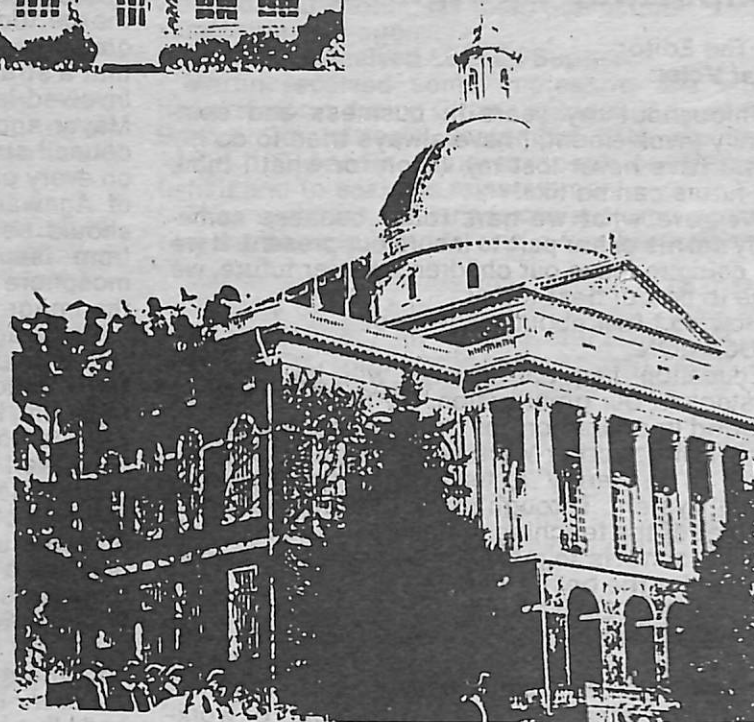
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Letters To The Editor

Magovern Offers Issues Important To Agawam

To The Editor:
Dear Voter:

Throughout my years in business and community involvement, I have always tried to do my part. I have never lost my vision for what I think the future can be like.

We have what we have today because somebody did his or her part to insure our present. If we are going to leave our children a better future, we have to do our best today.

How do I feel about the issues?

EDUCATION

Education has and always will be the cornerstone of our great nation. My family has been involved in education for generations. My grandmother and mother were both teachers, and my sister is presently a teacher in the Agawam school system. Through them, I have learned the realities of the teaching profession. I plan to work with the schools to make the education system in our district the best it can be.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I am planning on working to bring a high technology park to the district. This will bring highly needed tax dollars to the area to fund the education system. It will also play a part of working with the school system in order to offer training and mentor programs to the students and the district.

CRIME

We must develop measures that work to stabilize and turn back drug-related crimes. We must maintain drug education programs in our schools. Crime affects us all, from the way we live our lives to our insurance rates. We must expand punishment and prevention programs in order to decrease the effect it has.

QUALITY OF LIFE

I have served on the Conservation Commission in Agawam and learned that conservation of our natural resources is a necessity, not a luxury. The development of open space programs and self-funding recreational funding will insure its protection for future generations.

SENIOR SERVICES

We must be prepared to have the answers concerning affordable housing and long-term care with qualified supervision. As our society ages, great pressures will have to be addressed. We must work out solutions to these problems. Our seniors are one of our most underutilized assets; they hold the wisdom of the ages.

Why do I want to be your next State Representative? I believe my vision for the future is shared by many of you; a healthy future, a sound educational system, prosperous economic development, quality of life, safety, and security. All this can be fulfilled if we all do our part.

We must send a representative to Boston with the **independence and leadership** who can do the job. I feel I am that person and ask you for your vote on November 5th.

Thank you,
Bob Magovern, Agawam
Candidate For State Representative

Bonavita Explains Position On Petition To Reduce Council

To The Editor:

After careful consideration, I believe it is imperative to respond to the October 24, 1996 Letter to the Editor entitled, "Petition Leader Should Know About Power Play."

My motives concerning the petition to reduce the size of the council are pure and simple. I support reducing the size of the council because I firmly believe it will lead to a more qualified council which will be beneficial to the citizens of Agawam.

People do have the right to disagree with me on the petition, but they do not have any basis to question my integrity, nor should they presume that a stranger to me knows my motives. I am not involved in the Berkshire Power issue. While the Mayor and I agree on the petition to reduce the council size, we do not have to agree or disagree on every other issue. It is my opinion that citizens of Agawam such as the Mayor and I or others should be able to agree or disagree on issues, from issue to issue without creating an atmosphere of guerilla warfare which may destroy the image of our town.

Years ago I chaired the Stadium Lights Committee to raise funds for the Lights at the Agawam High School Stadium to benefit the citizens of Agawam, including our children. I have worked for various organizations and served on committees because I believed in their community purpose.

No one questioned my integrity then and should not question it now. I stand on my record of community involvement and respectfully, no one has a right to mistate what I believe in an attempt to tie me to events such as Berkshire Power which I have had nothing to do with.

When I speak of community, I clearly mean our community, our town, our citizens, and our children. Like thousands of our citizens, my wife and I live in Agawam because we choose to do so. The voters will ultimately decide the ballot question to reduce the size of the council based on the facts as they determine them. They will determine what is best for their community.

If anyone wishes to help in the petition drive, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, if someone wishes to disagree with my position that is their prerogative. But if you wish to attack my integrity or to attack me personally, do not expect me to sit idle or to stop the petition drive. It will continue.

Very Truly Yours,
Anthony C. Bonavita
Agawam

Why Are Private Citizens Paying For Legal Fees?

To The Editor:

I understand that the opponents of the power plant had a very successful golf tournament recently, and that its purpose was to raise funds to pay for legal fees to defend the Zoning Board of Appeals' decision to uphold the zoning laws of our town.

What I don't understand is why are private citizens paying these legal fees? Isn't this the responsibility of the town legal department?

I think instead of being known as the opponents of the power plant, it's time these people became known as the proponents and defenders of the town zoning laws.

Sincerely,
Virginia Ventulett
Agawam

CCBA President Claims BP Is Not Telling The Truth

To The Editor:

First, again I'll state the facts, the truth. The story in last week's AAN states "he was escorted out as he tried to enter" The Oaks. That statement is not true! I was escorted out as I was leaving, not entering.

At 11:00 a.m., I walked into The Oaks, entered the banquet hall, immediately spotted Mike Armitage, approached him, and had a conversation with him that lasted approximately 30 seconds. After I assured Mr. Armitage his project did not have the special permit they claim to have, I said, "I will not rain on your parade, I'm leaving now."

I immediately turned, walked out of the banquet hall, and headed for the door. I was about 10 feet from the exit when a police officer started walking with me through the doors and outside. By the time the officer finished informing I had to leave, we were already outside. It was then I was informed I had to leave the property.

I wish to state right here that the police officer was extremely professional, cordial, and respectful. Once he informed me I had to leave the property, we shook hands and I left.

Kevin O'Reilly stated my intent was to be disruptive, but I had come and gone before he even knew I was there!

Why did I show up at The Oaks in the first place?

Very simple!

I don't accept being lied to!!!

In a letter dated October 18th, Ken Roberts states to me: "I'm sure you will acknowledge that the project has received major permits from the Agawam Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals. ... These permits and approvals are public documents that can be viewed at the Agawam Public Library."

I WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PROJECT HAS RECEIVED A PERMIT FROM THE AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, AND NEITHER SHOULD ANY RESIDENT OF AGAWAM!!!

No permit has been issued by the Zoning Board, yet Berkshire Power claims it's on display at the Library! Why do these people continue to tell the residents of Agawam things that are not true? I showed up at The Oaks because lying makes me angry!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Friday, November 1st
"First Friday Series" presents program
by interpretive naturalist John Green
At the Agawam Public Library
7:30 p.m.
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Saturday, November 2nd
Knights of Columbus Benefit Dance
At Polish American Club, Spfld. St., F.H.
7:00 to 11:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$7.50 (call 786-8406 or 786-5441)

Wednesday, November 6th
Meeting for Agawam Community Artists
At Captain Leonard House, Main St.
7:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, November 8th & 9th
Annual Fall Show presented by the
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DUNKIN' DONUTS - from Page 1...

Salemi said he needed to move to a larger store in order to offer the company's new line of bagels. Salemi said moving his donut shop to a new location would not increase traffic at Feeding Hills Center.

"We're not going to be bringing more people to the area. They're already there," Salemi said. "This new location will be better for us and better for our customers. We're going to build a nice-looking, colonial-style building."

Ms. Williams, whose home is located between two vacant lots owned by Pride President Robert Bolduc, said the access road from the proposed site of the donut shop would bring a line of cars beneath the bedroom windows of her home and her rental units.

"... Traffic Coming Both Ways ..."

"There's going to be a road with traffic coming both ways serving both the Pride Station and the Dunkin' Donuts, right under my bedroom window," Ms. Williams said. "They're going to wrap this thing around me and there's nothing I can do about it."

Ms. Williams said the added noise and pollution would adversely affect the health of the neighbors and their property values.

"I'm finding it hard to rent my properties as it is with the noise, lights, and gas fumes from the Pride Station," Ms. Williams said. "I don't appreciate a 24-hour, drive-thru access road to the street, and I don't want it next to my house."

Altobelli said the new site would be a much better location in terms of traffic flow, and the Police Department has okayed a left turn exiting the site onto Springfield Street (in light of reduced traffic since the opening of the Route 57 extension). The site plan has been approved by the Planning Board.

According to the site plan, the access road will be located five feet from Ms. Williams' property line.

Appeals Board member Doreen Prouty said, "Looking at these plans, it will be much easier than getting out of the old location."

Altobelli said the project meets the zoning code requirement of providing 50 parking spaces at a drive-thru restaurant.

Check our classified pages every week

MARTIN - from Page 1...**His Record Was Washed**

This was a move that came after the Agawam School Department had dropped all disciplinary charges against Martin and washed his record of any charges of wrongdoing in the February incident.

"I intended to reapply for the job and was supposed to have an interview for it the day before we went to court," Martin said.

At presstime, Martin said his interview for the varsity post had not been rescheduled. Tryouts for the varsity team are scheduled to begin on Monday, December 2nd.

Connor added, "What we were doing here was to show the contradictory nature of the board which would interview Mike," said Connor. "According to the school, he was no longer guilty of the February incident."

However, Connor says that McSweeney could not give Martin an unbiased opportunity during an interview. Connor also said that Ameruso could not be unbiased towards Martin.

Connor said Ameruso had previously forwarded a letter to Martin saying that he (Ameruso) no longer considered him (Martin) as a candidate for the post.

"How can you be innocent and guilty at the same time? How can those individuals sit on the (interview) board without bias?" Connor said.

When asked for comment, Ameruso told *The AAN* on Tuesday morning, "Mr. Connor is making statements that are self-serving because they were denied the motion of reinstating Mr. Martin. Within a week or so we hope to make a formal statement on the matter."

Ameruso would not offer further comment.

Martin, the school's 11-year coach, has filed two separate suits still pending over his dismissal. The first was a nine-count federal suit which included, among the complaints, defamation of character, loss of income, and emotional pain and suffering.

The other was a discrimination suit with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) against McSweeney. That suit is supposed to be heard by the MCAD in early November.

Martin said it was a long and hot summer for him. He had sought a hearing to clear his name but the School Department was standing its ground. "I was convinced my rights were being violated, and waiting for them (the schools) to do something was agony."

Received Lots Of Support

Martin received some impressive and emotional support during Citizen's Speak Time at the School Committee's September 24th meeting. About 100 people came to speak on Martin's behalf and to seek his reinstatement.

The speakers included current and former players, parents, friends, and a family member.

Martin still contends that because he never received a formal hearing when he was fired, the issue is not over. "My name is still soiled when it shouldn't be. The thing is not over until I clear my name; not until I have a fair chance to get my job back."

According to Connor, the School Department thought that by dropping all charges and clearing Martin's record, it could avoid a hearing. "That's not the way it works," Connor told us. "Again, the court felt due process had been violated, which gets Mike closer to that hearing."

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LETTERS - from Page 4...

Berkshire Power got upset because "THE TRUTH" got more media attention than they did. I just wanted to see the permit they claim to have. I've enclosed the letter Ken Roberts wrote to me with the request that *The AAN* print it in its entirety. All residents of Agawam deserve to see both sides of this issue, and see what Berkshire Power is all about.

Finally, I ask all residents of Agawam to please not bother our exceptional Library staff while looking for the "major permit" from the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals. In his letter to me, Ken Roberts says it's there, but ... it's not.

Please read Ken Roberts' letter following my letter, especially the second paragraph. Judge for yourself who's telling the truth. The CCBA or Berkshire Power. IT'S YOUR TOWN, YOU DECIDE!

Sincerely,
Ken Forni, Agawam
CCBA President

October 18, 1996

Mr. Ken Forni
518 Franklin Street Extension
Agawam, Massachusetts 01001

Dear Ken:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Berkshire Power Project. I am sorry that you have misinterpreted statements in the letter invitation sent to Berkshire Power's prospective vendors.

I am sure you will acknowledge that the project has received major permits from the Agawam Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals. Approvals have also been received from the State EFSB and Secretary of Environmental Affairs. These permits and approvals are public documents that can be viewed at the Agawam Public Library.

Berkshire Power did not say in the letter that the project has obtained all of its permits. Clearly, there are technical permits that the project will need to begin construction. These technical permits are always obtained just prior to the commencement of construction as they must be based on detailed construction drawings. However, Berkshire Power has received those permits re-

quired to maintain our schedule.

As you know, the permitting process for the Berkshire Power Project has been a very open and public procedure that has given everyone ample opportunity to be heard.

Berkshire Power's event on Monday is a private function, being held by the company at a private facility by invitation only. You were not invited to this event because you have informed us, on many occasions, that you have no interest in doing business with Berkshire Power. By taking this position with the project for the past two years there is no reason for you to attend and you will not be welcome at this private function.

Regards,
K.P. Roberts
Berkshire Power

Berkshire Power And Its Supporters Have No Credibility

To The Editor:

Recent events have reminded me of the dishonesty of Berkshire Power and its representatives.

Several weeks ago, one of my co-workers passed our downtown Springfield office window overlooking the Connecticut River and expressed concern about the cloud rising from the opposite riverbank. She asked if that cloud was from a fire. I glanced out the window and was able to reassure her that there was no fire, as the cloud was actually the plume from the Bondi's Island trash incinerator cooling system.

That occurrence reminded me that in the six months that my office has been located in downtown Springfield, only twice has the Bondi's Island plume not been noticeable. Those times have been on mornings when the fog was so thick that one could not see out the window at all.

Otherwise, all SUMMER, that plume has been noticeable above the tree line every day. This again belies the Berkshire Power statements that THEIR proposed cooling system plume would not be noticeable at all, or that it would only be

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noticeable on the coldest of WINTER days.

Last week, Berkshire Power apparently announced that they had thrown the president of the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam, Ken Forni, out of their vendors' open house. As I understand it, first, that event was open to area businessmen, of which Mr. Forni is one. Second, Mr. Forni had notified Berkshire Power of his intent to attend and then left voluntarily after the Berkshire Power representatives created a fuss about "troublemaking."

Apparently, "making trouble" for Berkshire Power is asking to see the permits Berkshire Power representatives have been claiming to have. Once again, THEY refused to produce documentation for their evil project. This confirms the suspicion that Berkshire Power evidently does not have those permits.

This last incident is reminiscent of the similar one involving a written proposal in 1995. In that situation, Berkshire Power and our mayor claimed that a written proposal existed for their obnoxious project, but could not produce one on request. Months after the fact, such a document surfaced, but only after opponents to this power plant scheme expressed numerous concerns about it.

Concerns still remain that the written proposal for this invasive project was drafted more than a year after it should have been submitted for public scrutiny.

Again, an insidious, parasitic corporate interest, and its pet politicians, appear to be manipulating the truth. The question is, when will all their dishonesty cease?

Mr. Forni was more than polite in stating that Berkshire Power's credibility is suspect. As far as many Agawam residents are concerned, Berkshire Power and its supporters have no credibility at all.

Sincerely,
Rob Keenan
Agawam

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William Francis Galvin,
Secretary of the Commonwealth
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HAMPDEN SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Agawam

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the Elections to vote at

Precinct 1 - Robinson School, 65 Begley Street
Precinct 2 - Clifford M. Granger, South Westfield Street
Precinct 3 - Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street
Precinct 4 - Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street
Precinct 5 - Benjamin J. Phelps School, School Street
Precinct 6 - James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street
Precinct 7 - Agawam Junior High School, Springfield St

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QUESTIONS

No. 1 - Changing the Trapping and Hunting Laws

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LETTERS - from Page 6...

Who Was The "Aggrieved" Party At BP Seminar?

To The Editor:

It was amusing to read the article that your publication printed last week stating that Kevin O'Reilly called Ken Forni's appearance at the Berkshire Power Procurement Seminar a publicity stunt.

May I ask, who called the press? It wasn't Ken Forni. Who hired the police? It wasn't Ken Forni. Who told the police to escort Ken Forni off the premises? Certainly, you don't think that it was Ken Forni.

If anyone is guilty of "grandstanding," it is Kevin O'Reilly, who said, "We are the aggrieved party here." POOR Kevin — he got caught in a lie and now he's "aggrieved," and the one who exposed the lie is accused of doing it for the publicity.

How sad, when the local press can be manipulated into reporting a liar to be "aggrieved" and the one trying to expose the truth getting accused of doing it for the publicity. Your publication is in need of more responsible journalism.

Michael DelNegro
Agawam

Agawam Needs Bob Magovern For State Representative

To The Editor:

Several weeks ago, I wrote to you expressing my support for the candidacy of Robert Magovern for State Representative. Since that time, I have had an opportunity to work closely with Bob and have become more convinced than ever that Agawam needs Bob Magovern in Boston. Bob has been a tireless campaigner working non-stop to bring his message of educational excellence and economic growth to the citizens of Agawam.

Having been born and raised in Agawam, he is intimately familiar with Agawam's past and has a clear vision of its future. His vision for a Technology Park for Agawam, to complement the very successful Industrial Park, demonstrates the type of forward thinking that we need to make Agawam a player in the future.

As a member of the Republican State Committee, Bob is in Boston on a regular basis and has acquired the knowledge and experience to hit the ground running and to have an immediate positive impact for the citizens of Agawam.

I am especially encouraged by Bob's understanding of the role of education in Agawam's future. As a father of two school-age children, I agree with Bob's view that education should be our number one priority.

Agawam needs Bob Magovern.

Very truly yours,
Robert J. Danie
Feeding Hills

Keenan's Record In Boston Is Indeed 100 Percent

To The Editor:

On September 11th, a political advertisement appeared in your newspaper stating that State Representative Dan Keenan had a 100 percent attendance voting record in the State Legislature in Boston. I checked that out and confirmed it to be accurate.

Seeing I inquired about the accuracy of Representative Keenan's voting record, I thought it only fair to investigate his opponent Robert A. Magovern's attendance voting record on the Agawam Conservation Commission. Mr. Magovern served on the commission for 20 months before resigning.

The official minutes from the Agawam Conservation Commission meetings recorded Robert A. Magovern absent 10 times. The first absence was recorded October 27, 1994. He was recorded absent in 1995 on January 26th, March 23rd, June 22nd, July 13th, and November 9th. The minutes recorded Magovern absent in 1996 on January 25th, February 8th, February 22nd, March 14th, and then he resigned.

The minutes of the Agawam Conservation Commission further revealed that Mr. Magovern was recorded late on seven meetings. On November 10th and December 8th in 1994, he was recorded late. The attendance roll call for the meetings in 1995 revealed Robert A. Magovern was recorded late on January 12th, February 23rd, August 24th, October 26th, and November 30th.

State Representative Keenan's meetings were held in Boston and Mr. Magovern's in Agawam.

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Arthur E. Book
Feeding Hills

Keenan Thanks Community For Being So Committed

To The Editor:

Dear Friends:

As this campaign comes to a close, I want to thank you not only for the support you have given me during the campaign, but also your commitment to the community which has been evident to me during my first two years in office.

I have been fortunate to have met so many of you who share my concern and belief in our community's commitment to education, job creation, public safety, and the well-being of all who live here. We truly have a quality of life which is worth protecting and fostering.

This is the reason I am asking for your support. I want to continue my work on your behalf. I have worked over the past two years to make our community a better place to live. I have fought for increased funding for education, public safety, and senior services while supporting lower taxes to stimulate our economy. I believe we are on the right course.

It has been an honor serving as your state representative, an honor which I have never forgotten or taken for granted. I hope you will allow me the privilege of continuing on your behalf in the Legislature.

I respectfully ask for your vote for State Representative on Tuesday, November 5th.

Sincerely,
Daniel F. Keenan
State Representative

Magovern Deserves Credit For Business/Technology Breakfast

To The Editor:

I am writing to express my thanks to State Representative candidate Robert Magovern for the Business and Technology Breakfast which was held on October 24, 1996 at the Oaks Banquet House in Agawam.

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LETTERS - from Page 7...

We in Western Massachusetts often feel that we are left out of the loop and forgotten by the people in Boston who make decisions affecting our lives. It was encouraging to see not only that Gloria Larson took the time to come to Agawam to meet with us, but that the meeting attracted Bruce Stebbins and Kent Lange, the Director and Regional Director of the Executive Office of Economic Affairs, Office of Business Development; Jack Briggs, the head of the Governor's Western Massachusetts Office; State Senators Brian Lees and Michael Knapik; and State Representatives Walter DeFilippi and Mary Rogeness.

I applaud Bob Magovern for taking the initiative to bring these people to Agawam and hope that he will continue in his efforts to remind our elected officials that we in Western Massachusetts have thoughts and concerns about the future of our state and our region, and that our voices should be heard.

Keep up the good work.

Very truly yours,
Priscilla D. Peterson
Agawam

When Is A Meeting Not Just Another Meeting?

To The Editor:

What are you as parents and community members interested in, concerning our community's educational system?

We are looking for your input in working as a team toward a more collaborative and cooperative effort in our schools. We feel our school system will become stronger if the entire educational community is involved: students, teachers, parents, community members, union representatives, administrators, superintendent, and school committee members.

Over the last year, in conjunction with the Regional Educational Alliance, a representative group from the Agawam Public Schools and community have been working on a method to sustain an ongoing process of change to increase student learning.

Please come on Monday, November 25, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Agawam Public Library to find out the direction our school system is moving in. Learn about all the exciting possibilities for progress that exist in a trusting, organized environment.

We really want you and your ideas, so please come!

Sincerely,
The Agawam Facilitation Team

CCBA President Deserves Support For His Efforts

To The Editor:

Lately, the things I read in the local newspapers are very disturbing. Headlines such as "Controversy Erupts At Power Plant Meeting..." Erupts is a very colorful word, but certainly not a correct word.

When explaining why The Oaks felt the need for a police officer at their recent seminar, the owner said that it was because of the "controversy between Berkshire Power and the opponents of the project." Granted, this is a very controversial matter, but hardly one in need of police protection!

When asked why Ken Forni was escorted from The Oaks, Kevin O'Reilly said "officials thought his intent was to be disruptive." **Disruptive?**

Ken may not be in favor of a power plant coming to town. In fact, he's been openly arguing against the whole idea, stating reasons too numerous to count. But Ken has never, ever been disruptive.

Ken is not perfect. He keeps saying that he was not invited to this seminar. But I read the announcements in the local newspapers myself, inviting local business people and vendors to the seminar and to please call to reserve a seat.

Ken did more than that. He wrote Ken Roberts a letter stating that he would be attending. Ken Forni then received a letter from Roberts stating that this was suddenly a private function by invitation only, and that he was not welcome to attend. Just who ARE these people who think they can tell

citizens where they are and are not allowed to go?!!!!

I find it disturbing that Ken feels the need to keep writing these letters to *The AAN* to defend himself all the time. Ken Forni does not owe anybody any explanations for anything!

I think we should all stand up and cheer for this citizen who has done so much for the fight to preserve our hometown, with integrity and honesty. I am proud of Ken for standing up for what he believes.

Sincerely, With Thanks
Sandi Forni
Agawam

Magovern Is Better Suited To Represent Agawam

To The Editor:

As Election Day approaches, we are going to be called on to make decisions in a number of important races. I would like to draw people's attention to the race for State Representative in the Third Hampden District where a local resident, Robert Magovern, is attempting to unseat the incumbent representative Daniel Keenan.

Both Mr. Keenan and Mr. Magovern are fine gentlemen, well educated and personable. We must however, look beyond the obvious and ask who would be in a better position to help Agawam. The city of Agawam contains the largest number of people in the Third Hampden District and we would be well served in Boston with a resident of our city as our elected State Representative.

Bob Magovern is well qualified for the position he is seeking. A native of Agawam, he was educated in the Agawam School System and went on to graduate from Boston University. A local businessman, he has a strong business background and is sensitive to the needs of the business community. Bob has proposed the creation of a Technology Park in Agawam and recently sponsored a Technology Breakfast at the Oaks to promote his agenda. This is the kind of forward thinking we need in a State Representative.

We need a person with Bob Magovern's background and experience to represent Agawam and I urge Agawam voters to look closely at Bob Magovern's qualifications and send him to Boston on November 5th.

Ronald LaRiviere
Feeding Hills

Berkshire Power's Rendition Is Not The Accurate One

To The Editor:

We are writing to you because we take exception to Berkshire Power's rendition of what occurred at their seminar on October 21, 1996.

Is Berkshire Power's only avenue left to pursue one of blatant attacks on private citizens? I keep hearing that all Berkshire Power wants to do is help the residents of Agawam. How?

By silencing good people from giving their opinion because it is not one they share? Or by trying to make the same good citizens look bad because they have, and always will, tell only the truth? No matter where you stand on the Berkshire Power issue, one common thread binds us all.

That is the right bestowed upon every U.S. citizen under our Constitution - "Freedom of Speech," and the right to speak our minds no matter what the issue. To the Berkshire Power Organization: Please stop your whining and complaining, stick to the issues regarding your power plant, and leave the good citizens of Agawam and their Constitutional rights alone.

To Ken Forni and all the members of the CCBA, I applaud and thank you for having the courage and the dignity to fight the good fight in helping Agawam and its people strive for a brighter, cleaner, and productive tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Mike & Donna Bodurtha
Agawam

Resident Questions Candidate's Credentials

To The Editor:

I've read in your September 19th edition about native son Robert A. Magovern's Republican candidacy for State Representative. The letter I make reference to was signed by Robert Danie. Mr. Danie lauds Mr. Magovern's "Ties and Commitment to Agawam."

About 25 years ago, Mr. Magovern left Agawam and took up residence at 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport, Connecticut. On November 2, 1971, Robert Magovern ran for selectman on the Conservative Action Party against a Democratic and a Republican opponent in Westport, Connecticut.

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More Public Input Being Sought For Planned River Road Bikeway

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With plans for the first phase of the Connecticut RiverWalk and Bikeway nearing completion, residents of River Road and the abutting neighborhoods are being asked to give their opinion on three alternatives.

Director of Planning and Development Deborah Dachos said she is preparing to send out 600 questionnaires to the abutters of the bike path by the end of the week.

"It's critical to get as many responses as possible," Ms. Dachos said. "If we only get a limited number of responses, it could result in a significantly different proposal."

Ms. Dachos said the results of the survey will be considered along with the results of three prior mailings and the input gathered from residents at a series of meetings held to allow planners to incorporate residents' concerns in the final design.

About 40 people attended the latest neighborhood meeting held last week at the Springfield Yacht Club on River Road to consider three alternate plans for the bike path that runs along River Road from Pynchon Point to Chestnut Lane.

While opinion ran the gamut from rejection of any bike path to support for one of the three designs on display, the majority of residents had concerns about safety on the section running along River Road from Pynchon Point to School Street.

Jim Muncie, commodore of the Springfield Yacht Club, said most of the 150 members of the club supported the bike path.

Muncie said the safety concerns of the club had been addressed and corrected in the latest set of designs showing a two-directional bike lane on the west side of River Road, with a crossover on the straightaway (rather than on the curve of the road).

At that point, bike lanes would be on each side of River Road to the intersection of School Street where the bike lanes would become a 16-foot-wide, multi-use trail that runs along county land on the east side of River Road to Chestnut Lane.

By a show of hands, the majority of the people agreed with that alternative plan.

"... Will Improve The Safety ..."

A resident of North Alhambra Circle who frequently takes her two year-old daughter bike riding, Christine Frawley thinks the bike path will improve the safety of lower River Road by slowing down the traffic and will be a deterrent to crime by bringing more watchful eyes into the neighborhood.

"With more bikes on River Road, traffic will have the tendency to slow down as drivers become more aware of the bike path," Mrs. Frawley said. "And the bike path will help deter crime. Criminals don't like moms with their three year-olds watching them."

Ms. Dachos said the survey would gauge support for the design supported at the Yacht Club meeting and two alternate plans.

The first alternative would be to build the bike path along River Road only between School Street and Chestnut Lane. But, eliminating the link to Springfield across the South End Bridge could put the federal funding in jeopardy since the purpose of the RiverWalk is to link five riverfront communities with an alternate transportation route, Ms. Dachos said.

The second alternative is to widen River Road by one foot on each side from the bridge to School Street and improve the sidewalk. The shoulder would then be wide enough to qualify as a bike lane, but it would not be marked as a bike route.

Ms. Dachos said several traffic-calming devices, such as special striping painted on the road, barrels placed in the crossovers, and electronic traffic monitoring devices, would slow down traffic and improve safety on the section of River Road from the bridge to School Street.

The design phase of the project should be completed in December. Construction is expected to begin in the spring.

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Magovern's "ties and commitment were to the Town of Westport, Connecticut," not Agawam.

From 1976 to 1993, he resided in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. In the years of 1980, 1984, 1988, and 1992, Bob Magovern was elected to the Republican Town Committee. For that 17-year span, Magovern's "ties and commitment were to the Town of Longmeadow, Massachusetts," not Agawam.

Town Clerks' voting lists show most of Mr. Magovern's adult political life was "tied and committed to the voters of Westport, Connecticut and Longmeadow, Massachusetts," not Agawam.

Very Truly Yours,
Joseph R. Tortoriello

Berkshire Power Does Not Have Any Local Permits

To The Editor:

Webster's Dictionary defines lying as, "knowingly making a false or untrue statement."

On October 7th, Berkshire Power sent a letter to hundreds of area businesses in which it stated, "The Berkshire Power Project has received its state and local permits and construction is scheduled to begin next year." This is a false or untrue statement and Berkshire Power knows it!

The proposed Berkshire Power Facility in Agawam does not have its local permits. A simple phone call to the Building Department confirmed that fact. The fate of this facility is now in the hands of the courts and no local permits can or will be issued until 20 days after the matter is decided in those courts. It will be many months, and possibly many years, before the final decisions on the issues surrounding this proposed plant are resolved.

For almost two years, Berkshire Power has been conducting a campaign to make their pollution belching, water guzzling facility sound like something that it is not. At times they have strained the bounds of truthfulness. The letter relating to their "Procurement Seminar" and the related ads and statements have crossed the line.

The truth is that Berkshire Power does not have its local permits and may never get them. When Mr. Ken Forni tried to question the company about this fact, he was escorted out of a building and threatened with arrest. It would appear that Berkshire Power was feeling very threatened by the truth. In the future, I hope that the residents and businesses of this community will remember that the truth and the truth according to Berkshire Power are sometimes different things!

During this Halloween week, we might do well to remember that we should always beware of strangers bearing gifts.

Best Wishes,
Frank Lawlor
Agawam

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The signup for November 15th took place on October 26th at St. John's, Main Street, Agawam. There will also be one on Tuesday, November 5th, between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m., at St. David's Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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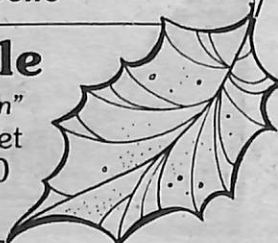
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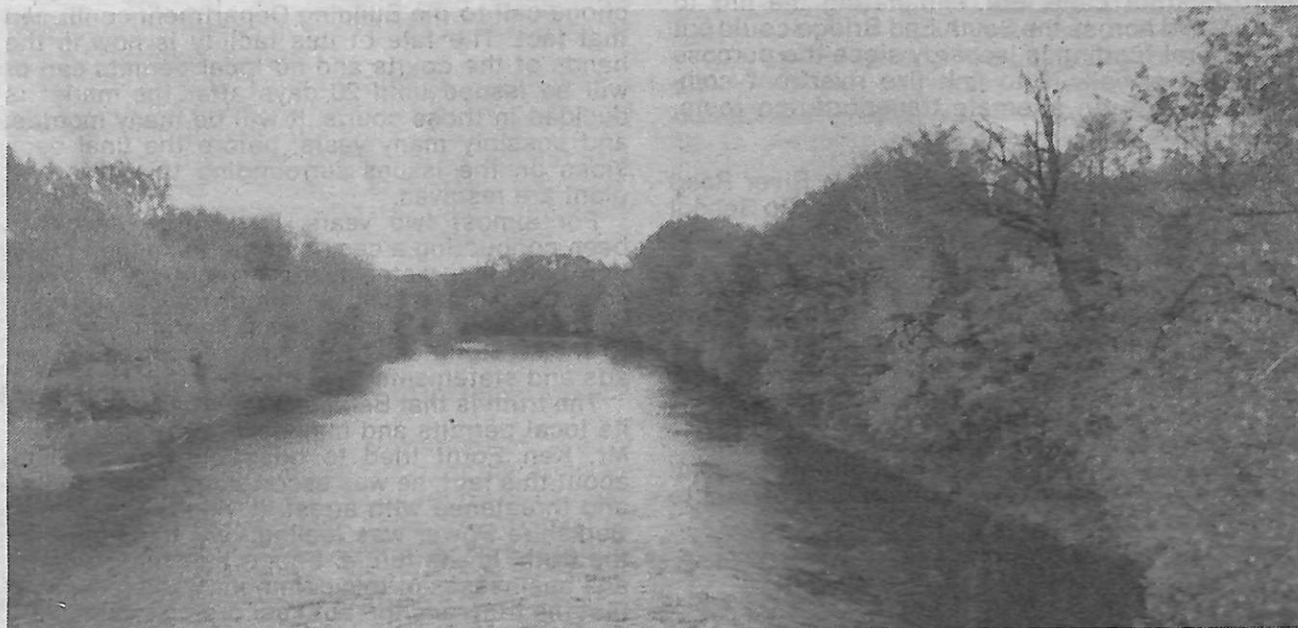
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STATE REP. DANIEL F. KEENAN (center) looks over a site plan of the Westfield River with Agawam Historical Association members, from left - Richard Bellico (president), Marilyn Curry, and John Zebryk. Local historians are attempting to rename a portion of the river that runs through town "The Agawam River." Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Agawam Historians Enlist Keenan's Help To Restore River's Rightful Name

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The nation's first president mentioned it in his diary; a World War II fuel supply ship was named for it, and it appears on the earliest official maps of the area. But most people living in Agawam don't know that the river running from the Westfield line to Pynchon Park is called the Agawam River.

Local historians aren't sure when or why that section of the river came to be known as the Westfield River and they are determined to restore the river's name and identity.

Richard Bellico, president of the Agawam Historical Association, has enlisted the support

of State Representative Daniel Keenan in researching the possibility of a special act of the legislature to reaffirm the name of the Agawam River.

Keenan told us, "It seems to make sense to restore the name of the river, especially with the documentation the Agawam Historical Association has put together."

Bellico said historical association members have been working for a year-and-a-half to gather documentation showing the river was commonly known as the Agawam River on documents in the

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MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON gives State Rep. Candidate Robert A. Magovern his endorsement for Third Hampden seat.

Mayor Johnson Endorses Magovern For State Rep. Seat

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson has announced his endorsement of Robert Magovern for State Representative in the Third Hampden District.

Johnson said, "Bob has the right combination of dedication and integrity to represent the people of Agawam and the district in the House of Representatives. I have known Bob and his family for most of my life and I know that Bob cares very deeply about improving public education, creating new jobs through quality economic development, and increasing state support for law enforcement and crime prevention."

Johnson went on to commend Magovern for his strong family roots in Agawam and his dedication to the history. Johnson said, "Bob cares very deeply about Agawam and has worked to preserve its history and improve its future. I am confident that Bob will bring his vast knowledge of the community to his work in the State House. Bob simply wants to work hard to make our community the best place to live, work, and raise a family in the Pioneer Valley."

Johnson closed by saying, "I believe that it is critical that all the residents of Agawam unite to regain the only local representation we have in the State House. Many issues affect Agawam differently than the other communities of the Third Hampden District. Bob Magovern will work hard for Agawam, and I ask you to support his candidacy on Tuesday, November 5th."

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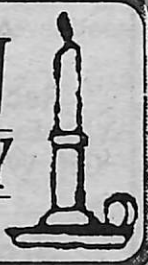
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state archives dating back to 1791.

The first official map of Westfield, executed in 1791 by order of the Mass. Legislature, refers to an area "north of Agawam River"; a section of the 1794 map series of the region shows a reference to the Westfield or Agawam River; an 1805 sketch depicts the "Bridge across Agawam River"; and an 1803 sketch contains a "Delineation of Agawam River near its mouth."

Further evidence of the river's true name comes from Volume I of **Hampden County, 1636 to 1936**, by historian Clifton Johnson, published in 1936 by the American Historical Society, Inc. in 1936.

Chapter IV, titled "Agawam, the Mother of Springfield Plantation," contains some of the most compelling documentation of the river's name, with many references to the Agawam River.

Many References To The Agawam River

Sprinkled throughout the chapter, references to the Agawam River include the "permanent settlement" made "south of the Agawam River"; a sawmill set up on a brook below Ensign Cooper's farm over Agawam River, and a mill built at Mitineague using power from the Agawam River.

For Bellico and his fellow local historians, the most exciting reference to the Agawam River comes from the diary of General George Washington in the form of an entry describing his crossing the Agawam River on a bridge on his second ride through town.

Keenan said he thought a home rule petition seeking a special act of the legislature to reaffirm the river's name would be the best route to take.

"Home rule petitions are given a lot of credibility in the legislature because they have the approval of the local town council," Keenan said.

Although it is a common practice to name a river for the place where it ends rather than its point of origin, Bellico said his group was not seeking a name change of the entire river, just the section of river running from the Westfield line to the point where it converges with the Connecticut River.

Local historian Marilyn Curry said the first house was built in Agawam in 1635 on the river at the meadows, predating the first house built in Springfield by one year.

Historical Association member John Zebryk added, "That homesite was chosen specifically because it was located at the convergence of the Agawam and Connecticut Rivers."

Vets Council Replacing Flags

The Agawam Veterans' Council has scheduled Saturday, November 2nd (rain date - Sunday, November 3rd) as the date to replace worn and tattered flags in all Agawam cemeteries in time for our Veterans' Day observance.

We plan to invite Agawam Girl Scouts to help, and all residents interested in helping out are invited to join in.

The group will meet at the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. Following the flagging of those graves, we will proceed to the Agawam Center Cemetery on Main Street to finish the project.

Please call Veterans' Services at Town Hall at 786-0400, ext. 236, if you plan to help, or be at the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.

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Regular Council Meeting Agenda For Wed., November 6th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 10/21/96
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - None.
7. Report of Council Committees
 - None.
8. Elections
 - None.
9. Public Hearings
 - (a)
 1. PH-96-4-(PE-96-2)-Group Petition, Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b) (Determining if the mis-use of public funds has been allowed by the council and by the administration) (Coun. Langone, Ennis, Servis, Perry, Caba) (Continue Public Hearing) (Tabled on 9/3/96 - Left on table 10/21/96).
10. Old Business
 - (a)
 1. TOR-96-7-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 49, Sec. 7C (8) of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Personnel Director) (Pres. Thompson, Coun. Langone & Caba) (3rd Reading) (Tabled on 10/21/96).
 2. TO-96-27-To discuss and vote to hire Attny. John F. Moriarty to advise the councilors in regards to PE-96-2 (Coun. Perry).
 3. TO-96-28-Voucher List (\$185.61).
 4. TO-96-29-Approval of Class I, II & III Dealer Licenses for 1997 (Coun. Bitzas).
 5. TO-96-30-Transfer \$23,389 for Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Police Dept. - Vehicles (12104-58500) (Mayor).

1997 Preliminary Tax Bills Are Due Friday, November 1st

The preliminary real estate tax bills for fiscal year 1997 were mailed on October 1, 1996 and are due **this Friday, November 1, 1996.**

If payments are not made by the due date, interest at the rate of 14 percent will be charged on the amount of the payment that is unpaid and overdue. Interest is computed on overdue first payments from October 1, 1996 to the date payment is made.

Taxpayers should allow sufficient time for the United States Postal Service to process the mail if payments are made by mail. Payments must be postmarked by October 31, 1996.

If you have any questions regarding payments, please contact the Collector's Office at 786-0400, extension 218. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In addition, Massachusetts state law requires taxpayers to pay the bill whether it is received or not. Anyone who has not received their real estate tax bill should contact the Collector's Office immediately at 786-0400, extension 218.

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"A Piece Of The News"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Police At Private Function

There's nothing unusual about a police officer being hired to provide security at a private function, according to Police Chief **Robert D. Campbell**.

In a memo sent to the Mayor and then forwarded to Town Council, Campbell responded to questions posed by Councilor **Edward Caba** regarding the presence of a police officer at the Berkshire Power procurement seminar held on Monday, October 21st, at the Oaks Banquet House.

Campbell said the officer will be paid the detail rate by the Oaks, the business making the request for the officer.

Campbell said a detail officer is officially "on duty," even though he is being paid by a private vendor and is responsible to maintain order and uphold the laws of the Commonwealth.

"Although the officer is paid by the vendor, he or she is guided by the authority established under the law and cannot act on behalf of any party without specific legal authority provided by statute," Campbell said.

It is a common practice for the owner of a facility (like the Oaks) to request a police officer at a private function to maintain order and remove unwanted persons, Campbell said.

Pride Withdraws Drive-Up

At the October 18th meeting of the Board of Appeals, developer **Robert Bolduc** sent a representative to withdraw his application for a special permit to operate a drive-thru window at the Pride Convenience Store.

In a unanimous vote, the board agreed to allow the application to be withdrawn without prejudice, meaning the developer could resubmit his plan without waiting the two-year period required when an application is rejected.

In September, Bolduc had asked the board for more time to prepare an amended site plan to include the 50 parking spaces required for a drive-thru restaurant.

Bolduc argued that his plan to sell Subway grinders in place of his current deli operation did not make his convenience store into a restaurant. A zoning ordinance enacted two years ago requires drive-thru restaurants to provide 50 parking spaces and obtain a special permit from the Board of Appeals.

When he was told that the issue of whether or not a special permit was necessary had already been decided by the building inspector, Bolduc

had asked for a two-week continuance of the public hearing in which to attempt to meet the parking requirement.

Acting Appeals Board Chairman **Raymond Gendron** said the board was not required to allow an application to be withdrawn.

However, Gendron said it was in the interest of fairness to allow the developer to resubmit if he can find a way to meet the parking requirement at a later date.

AHS Test Scores Higher

The latest measure of the academic performance of the town's fourth, eighth, and 10th graders is good news for the School Department in light of 1994's disappointing scores.

The latest scores in the Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program (MEAPs) show Agawam students tested in 1996 are consistently performing above the state averages.

School Superintendent **Dr. Frank Ameruso** said, "There's been a dramatic increase in the scores at the High School. We ran above the state average on every subject tested."

AHS Principal **Joseph Zabielski** credited the improvement in the High School's scoring to a concerted effort on the part of the administration and the teachers to impress upon the students the importance of the test and to work on the skills to be tested.

Zabielski said one of the problems with the MEAPs testing has been a lack of motivation on the part of the students. The students think the test doesn't matter because they do not receive an individual grade for their work, he said.

Zabielski said he personally visited each classroom of 10th graders prior to the testing to encourage the students to take the testing seriously and to do their best work.

"It's important for the students to know that we take this seriously and they should, too," Zabielski said.

At the urging of School Committee member **Teresa Kozloski**, Ameruso agreed to prepare an analysis of the test results, even though the state will no longer be using the MEAPs testing to assess student performance.

"You don't want to analyze something to death when it's already dead," Ameruso said.

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Agawam Obituaries

Thomas L. Ramah

Thomas L. Ramah, 81, of 297 Cooper Street, Agawam, died in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was co-owner of the former Franklin Cleaners in Springfield, MA, retiring in 1981.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam most his life and was a graduate of Agawam High School. He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Maronite Church.

He was an Air Force veteran of World War II, serving as an air control tower operator in the European Theater.

He was an active member of the Western Massachusetts Dry Cleaners Association.

He leaves two brothers, Victor of Agawam and Fred of Shrewsbury, VT; three sisters, Sally Ramah, Amelia Ramah, and Victoria Elasmir, all of Agawam; and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, followed by services in the church. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Anthony's Maronite Church, 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield, MA 01118.

Eileen T. Williams

Eileen T. (Whitaker) Williams, 76, of 382 Chestnut Street, East Longmeadow, died in Feeding Hills.

Born in Framingham, she lived in East Longmeadow for 49 years and was a communicant of St. Michael's Church.

She belonged to the Rosary Sodality. She was a volunteer worker at the East Longmeadow Nursing Home, the People's Store, and the Soup Kitchen in Springfield.

She was awarded the East Longmeadow Citizen of the Year Award in 1983 for her sponsorship of 10 Southeast Asian refugees.

Her husband, Thomas A. Williams, died in 1985.

She leaves six daughters, E. Fran St. Hill of Feeding Hills, Eleanor J. Stevens of Georges Mill, NH, Barbara A. Darnell of Glendora, CA, Linda M. Shepard of Newport, NH, Joanne L. Wheeler of West Springfield, NH, and Nancy L. Helberg of Andover, NH; 14 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at the Hafey East Longmeadow Chapels followed by a Mass in the church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Historical Society, Springfield, NH 03284, or to the Salvation Army, 984 West Columbus Avenue, Springfield, MA 01105.

James S. Smith

James S. Smith, 94, of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and formerly of Springfield, MA, a financial officer at the Riverside Amusement Park in Agawam, died in Port St. Lucie on October 13th.

He retired in 1977.

Born in Lincoln, NH, he attended Wilmington, VT, schools. He lived in Greenfield, MA, and Fall River, MA, before moving to Springfield in 1925.

He was a member of the Samuel Sherwood Masonic Lodge for 50 years, and the Melha Shrine Temple, both in Springfield.

His first wife, Alice Jay Smith, died in 1976 after 55 years of marriage.

He leaves his second wife, the former Marjorie Ronka; two daughters, Marion Ackerman of Juno Beach, and Katherine Geisel of Springfield; a

sister, Lucy Maroni of North Adams, MA; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A memorial service was conducted in the South Congregational Church, with burial at the convenience of the family in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, both in Springfield. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Association, 720 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02118.

Althea Bancroft Estes

Althea Bancroft Estes, 72, loving wife of Franklin, died Wednesday, October 23rd, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Originally from Pittsfield, MA, she was an 11-year resident of Westfield. Before her retirement, she was the founding manager of Bancroft Bridals in Agawam and previously managed the Steiger's Bridal Salon in Springfield.

She was a volunteer at Baystate Medical Center and was a member of the West Suffield Congregational Church. She was an avid floral gardener who won numerous awards for her beautiful roses.

Besides Franklin, she also leaves behind two daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Paul Delskey of Feeding Hills, and Donna and Fran Milliken of West Suffield; and six grandchildren, Scott and Anthony Bracci, Eryn Milliken, and Paul, Dana, and Tara Deskey.

She was a wonderful, caring, and loving person, and we will all miss her.

The funeral was held at the West Suffield Congregational Church, and burial was in Southview Cemetery, North Adams, MA.

Donations may be made to either the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

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**Schools Spend Big;
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by **Kathy Cassanelli**
News Editor

A funny thing happened on the way to last week's School Committee meeting. People got lost.

The droves of people who crowded the Middle School auditorium two years ago to complain, and rightly so, about program cuts, obsolete computers, and the lack of educational materials were conspicuously absent to hear the details of the plan to spend an unprecedented infusion of a half million dollars in additional funds for the School Department.

The additional funding was included in the town's operating budget by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and was approved by the Town Council over the summer.

Despite the best efforts of this paper and our friends across the river to inform the public of the spending plan to be considered at the October 22nd School Committee meeting, the only supporters of the spending package in attendance were School Department administrators, principals, curriculum coordinators, central office secretaries, and one parent.

Last year, Jeff Carmody expressed concern over the lack of computers with Windows capabilities at Agawam High School; this year, he served on the School Department's technology committee and helped develop the district's technology spending plan. He was the only parent to show up in support of the spending package.

"The new technology purchases combined with the new curriculum means Agawam will be able to provide a quality education for our children," Carmody said.

Last year, the School Committee, and particularly its chairman, (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson, were accused of not listening to the legitimate concerns expressed by parents.

Many of those concerns were addressed by a spending plan that included \$455,000 for technology purchases and \$100,000 in textbook and library book purchases; not to mention \$75,000 in new furniture and an additional \$75,000 added directly to the School Department budget.

As elected officials, the School Committee and the Mayor should be criticized when the occasion warrants. They should be advised on the legitimate concerns parents have regarding the quality of their children's education, and they should be expected to act as advocates for the best interests of the children in their care.

Shouldn't they also be applauded when their efforts result in a better educational environment for the town's students?

Too bad that didn't happen at last week's School Committee meeting.

Over 700 Attended Keenan's Ziti Dinner



STATE REP. DANIEL F. KEENAN (back, center) held a ziti dinner/fundraiser at the Polish Club last Wednesday night. Over 700 attended. The Gruska family turned up in force, including (standing) Jane and Andrew Gruska; seated - Chet, Van, Ginny, Van, Nicky, Jessica, and Matt Gruska. **RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



A LARGE VOLUNTEER FORCE of kitchen workers turned up to support the ziti dinner/fundraiser last Wednesday night at the Polish Club for State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan. **RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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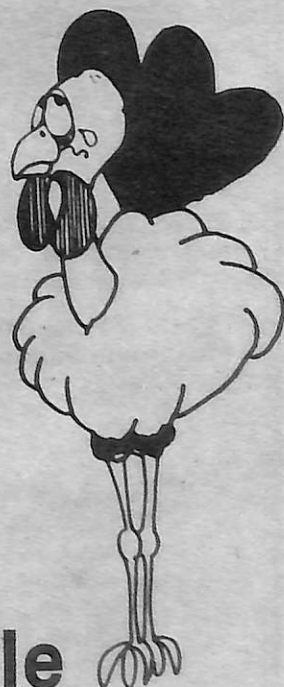
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- Disability assistance.
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- Relating to veterans.
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- Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.
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TAX BENEFITS AND DIFFICULTIES

- Property tax abatement assistance.
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- Federal and state exemptions.
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For further information, contact Ruth C. Bitzas, Veterans' Agent, at the Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236.

(Next week: continuation of "Types Of Services And Benefits.")

ADVERTISER NEWS

Keenan Supporters Out For Fundraiser



AT ZITI DINNER/FUNDRAISER for State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan last Wednesday night at the Polish Club, Keenan committee members, from left - Dena Scirpo, Ann Phillips, Joanne Brown, Noreen Poole, and Janis Phaneuf were passing out campaign literature. Over 700 attended the dinner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that MDH Associates, Inc., d/b/a Federal Cafe, 135 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA, Dana Gahres, Manager, has applied for Transfer of License and Transfer of Manager. Building consisting of: A two story wood frame building with the first floor accessed from the front, containing a main dining area consisting of approximately 2,000 sq. ft.; a parlor area and a lounge/restroom consisting of 1,000 sq. ft.; first floor also consists of 600 sq. ft. bar and lounge and a 500 sq. ft. din-

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ing area; at the rear of the building on the first floor is a 1,000 sq. ft. kitchen and a rear entrance. The second floor consists of a 500 sq. ft. private dining room, storage closets, restrooms and offices. The basement contains a workshop area, storage rooms and a boiler room. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 12, 1996, at 7:00 P.M., in the Faolin Peirce Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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Magovern Brings Boston To Agawam

Robert A. Magovern, a member of the Republican State Committee and Agawam's candidate for State Representative, recently sponsored a Business and Technology Breakfast for the Greater Agawam/Springfield business community.

This meeting, which attracted nearly 100 people to Agawam, featured Gloria Larson, the former Secretary of Economic Affairs for the Weld Administration.

Magovern stated, "We must anticipate future trends in our economy so that we can stay ahead of the curve. The life blood of a community is its children. Only by anticipating the type of economy that they will face in the future, and preparing our children for it today, can we ensure that we fulfill this most fundamental of obligations of government."

"I am proud," he continued, "that the friendships and professional relationships which I have developed with the Governor's Office can be used to further the interest of our community and our children. My service on the Republican State Committee has enabled me to meet with high-ranking members of the Weld/Cellucci Administration and enlist their support for the interests of Western Massachusetts. It is my hope that as State Representative, I will be able to continue to cultivate those relationships and constantly remind the people in Boston that there are citizens of Massachusetts, and vital interests of the Commonwealth, beyond Route 128."

When asked about what he would bring to the office of State Representative, Magovern indicated that, "Regular meetings between the decision-makers in Boston and the citizens and businesses of Western Massachusetts are vital to keep the lines of communication open."

"During my tenure as State Representative, I intend to insist that meetings of this type become the rule and not the exception. The reality of politics in America is that you must have the ability to reach the powers that be, and make certain that the voices of your constituents can be heard. I have that ability."

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 7, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for proposed revisions to Chapter 159 of the Code of the Town of Agawam entitled "Subdivision of Land," more specifically, pavement specifications. A copy of the proposed revisions can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office.

BY ORDER OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

Published: October 31, 1996

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REPUBLICAN STATE REP. CANDIDATE ROBERT A. MAGOVERN is pictured with his two children - Jim and Carrie Magovern.



STATE REP. CANDIDATE ROBERT A. MAGOVERN sponsored a business and technology breakfast on Thursday, October 24th that featured Gloria Larson, the former secretary of Economic Affairs for Governor William Weld. From left - Kent Lage, Bruce Stebbins, Robert Magovern, Gloria Larson, Jack Briggs and State Senator Michael Knapik. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Good Turnout For Magovern's Business Meeting



STATE REP. CANDIDATE ROBERT A. MAGOVERN is pictured with supporters at his Business & Technology Breakfast on Thursday, October 24th. Standing - Jessie Fuller, Rita Moore, and Robert A. Magovern. Seated - Virginia Lake, Priscilla Peterson, and Ellie Richards. IN PHOTO RIGHT, attending Magovern's breakfast included Walter DeFillipi (R-West Springfield), Gloria Larson (featured speaker and former secretary of Mass. Economic Affairs), Magovern, and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Hampden Savings Announces New Officer, Appointments

Thomas R. Burton, President of Hampden Savings Bank, announced promotions and appointments of several officers at the bank, following the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Robert A. Massey was named Senior Vice President & Treasurer. He previously served as Treasurer.

Robert J. Michel was promoted from Vice President to Senior Vice President & Division Executive, Retail and Mortgage Lending.

William D. Marsh III was promoted from Vice President to Senior Vice President & Division Executive, Business Banking.

Lynn S. Bunce was appointed Assistant Vice President & Branch Administrator. She was formerly Assistant Treasurer.

Kimberly Curran was appointed Assistant Vice President & Branch Manager. She previously served as Branch Manager.

Glenn W. McCarthy was named Assistant Vice President, Retail and Mortgage Lending. He formerly served as Assistant Treasurer.

Rosemary Morin was appointed Assistant Vice President, Retail and Mortgage Lending. She was promoted from Mortgage Underwriter.

Nancy Mirkin was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Business Banking, from Business Banking Officer.

Kirsten Murdock was named Assistant Treasurer & Comptroller. She previously served as Comptroller.

Linda Lussier was promoted to Operations Officer, from Operations Supervisor.

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QUAIL RUN ESTATES will be visited by officials from the Agawam Post Office on November 5th. The postal officials will sell stamps and talk about the Post Office with Quail Run residents. From left - Jack & Jeannie Penney from Quail Run Estates; John White, supervisor, Customer Service, Agawam Post Office; and Walter Ciaschini, Agawam postmaster. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Post Office To Bring Mini-Service To Quail Run Estates

Representatives of the Agawam Post Office will be on hand at Quail Run Estates from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5th, to sell stamps and talk with the public about Post Office functions.

Agawam Postmaster Walter Ciaschini and Supervisor of Customer Services John White will answer individual questions about delivery and the mail system. They call this program "Bringing the Post Office to the People."

Depending on public response to the November 5th session, similar programs may be planned for other sites around town, such as the Agawam Senior Center. Anyone interested may attend at Quail Run, which is located on Cardinal Drive, off Cooper Street.

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ENJOYING THE RECENT OCTOBERFEST at the Springfield Turnverein are Erika Baron, Kurt Walther, Marianne Alden, Christa Strehl, and Charlotte Dittmer. **RELATED PHOTOS ON Page 20**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

German-American Festival Sponsored By Turnverein

A German-American Festival was held recently at the Springfield Turnverein in Feeding Hills. The Friday evening entertainment was by "The Vagabonds."

Dinners of rouladen, smoked pork chops, and a selection of wursts were served. Saturday afternoon, Leo Murawski played for listening pleasure amid the serving of bratwurst, knockwurst, and hot dogs. Homemade cakes and coffee were also served. On Saturday evening, "City Lights" played for dancing and listening pleasure.

The committee consisted of Erika Baron, chairperson; Kurt Walther, co-chairman; Christa Strehl, tickets and entertainment; Marianne Alden, treasurer; Ken Connor and the boys of Boy Scout Troop 78, security and parking; Dick Holland, grounds keeper; and Wilma Gillan, publicity.

We enjoyed meeting many people and had some that showed interest in joining our club. Anyone interested in membership is invited to stop at the club and obtain an application.

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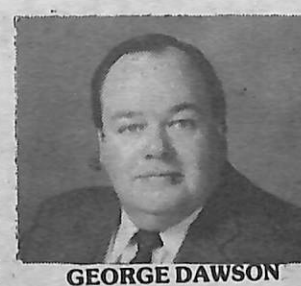
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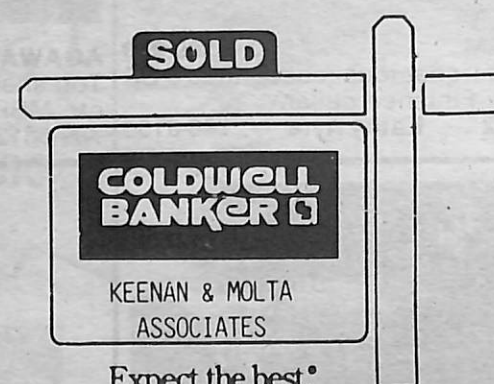
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Octoberfest At Turnverein



THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN on Garden Street, Feeding Hills, held a German-American festival. IN PHOTO LEFT, Bill Wigham shows a few of the hats that were popular in different areas of Germany; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Kevin Fournier and Leo Murawski play popular German folk tunes. RELATED STORY & PHOTO on Page 18. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Country Folk Art® Show & Sale Slated At Eastern States Expo.

The nation's leading folk art and crafts show — the COUNTRY FOLK ART® SHOW & SALE — concludes its 1996 New England schedule at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield during the weekend of November 1st through 3rd.

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The public is welcome and encouraged to attend on Friday, November 1st, for "early buying privileges."

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For more information on either COUNTRY FOLK ART® SHOWS or LONG PUBLICATIONS, please write: 8393 E. Holly Road, Holly, MI 48442; or call (810) 634-4151.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1996 at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of PHILIP MCCARTHY who is seeking a SPECIAL PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B (2) of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the replacement of the existing non-conforming residential structure at the premises identified as 120-122 ELM STREET.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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MR. & MRS. CRAIG ROMASZKA

Melissa Morin Weds Craig Romaszka At Sacred Heart Church

Melissa Morin and Craig Romaszka were recently married in a candlelight ceremony at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

Parents of the bride are Richard and Lorene Morin of Feeding Hills and parents of the groom are Joseph and Linda Romaszka of Freehold, New Jersey.

The bride wore a silk beaded Scaasi original, and the attendants were attired in daffodil gowns trimmed with sequined lace. Kellie Wright of Feeding Hills served as Maid of Honor. Other attendants were Koren Dubbs (sister of the groom), Heidi Daniels, Deborah O'Leary, Lori Costa, Karen Tuehnecke, and Jennifer Waller (friends of the bride). The flower girl, Jennifer Dubbs, is a niece of the groom.

Raymond Holzer (friend of the groom) served as best man. Ushers were Robert Morin (brother of the bride), John Dubbs (brother-in-law of the groom), Todd Taylor (cousin of the bride), Corby Caiazzo (cousin of the groom), Stephen Delaney and Cory Craig (friends of the groom). Drew Taylor (cousin of the bride) was the ring bearer.

Both the bride and groom graduated from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. Melissa is presently employed as a Corporate Area Sales Manager for Interstate Hotel Management Company. She is based at the Parsippany Hilton Hotel in Parsippany, New Jersey.

Craig is self-employed as co-owner of Sammy D's Deli and Catering in Freehold, New Jersey. Following a reception at Chez Josef, the couple left for a honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii. Melissa and Craig now reside in Summerville, New Jersey.



MR. & MRS. RONALD PAHL, JR.

Cheryl Moran Bride Of Ronald Pahl, Jr. At Trinity United Church

Cheryl Moran and Ronald Pahl, Jr. were married recently at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield. The bride is the daughter of Susan Moran of Springfield and David Moran of Hampden. The bridegroom is the son of Charlotte Pahl of Springfield and Ronald Pahl of Palmer.

Karen O'Brien attended the bride as matron of honor. Carl Marangoudakis served the bridegroom as best man.

The bride graduated from the High School of Commerce and Springfield Technical Community College. She is a registered dental hygienist employed by Dr. James Maslowski in Springfield and Agawam Dental Care in Agawam.

Her husband is a graduate of the former Classical High School in Springfield, Springfield College, and Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia, PA. He is a dentist with Agawam Dental Care.

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Pizza And Beer Party To Benefit Scleroderma Research

The annual pizza and beer party for scleroderma research has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Dante Club, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. This event will be the last 1996 fundraiser for scleroderma research, and a donation of \$5.99 per ticket is requested.

The motto for this event is *all you can eat or until all is consumed*. "We have, as yet, never run out of pizza at any of our fundraising parties," said the party committee.

The chefs responsible for the delicious pizzas are Tom Frasco and Paul Marai, who have done an excellent job in the past and will try to make them as good as ever. Meanwhile, the rest of the committee members will serve both the beer and pizzas.

There are approximately 20 workers who put in their time and effort to make these events such successful fundraisers, and they are thanked by all attendees for their unselfish work. They also hope for a sell-out crowd (which will be 250 people). Tickets at the door will be sold only if the sellers didn't sell all their tickets and have turned them in.

On October 5, 1996, all monies made for research during the past year were brought to New Castle, Pennsylvania, and presented to the national scleroderma foundation.

This year, one member of the committee couldn't make the trip because of illness, but Tom and Adrienne Frasco went to New Castle at their own expense and made the presentation. They were lauded by all who attended for their concern and hard work for this cause and in trying to help those afflicted with scleroderma.

The committee wishes to thank the Dante Club, *The Agawam Advertiser News*, and *The West Springfield Record* for their cooperation in trying to make this event a profitable one.

For tickets, contact Gubby Borgatti at 786-2834 or Tom Frasco at 786-0093.

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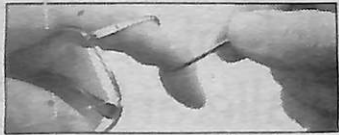
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SOME OF THE FOLKS who attended the 40th Anniversary Banquet of the Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter I were, from left -Edward Organek, Cecilia Rebecchi, Rose Paro, Loretta Wright, and Frank Gatti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BOARD MEMBERS of the Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter I. From left - Florida Tangocci, corresponding secretary; Louise Baldwin, recording secretary; Jeannette Dore, vice-president; Mary DelNegro, president; Dolores Gatti, treasurer; and Evelyn O'Melia, chaplain. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Golden Age Club Chap. I Holds 40th Anniversary Dinner

On Wednesday, October 9th, the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 1, held its 40th anniversary dinner at the Oak Ridge Country Club on South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. A total of 129 members were in attendance.

The Agawam Club was formed on November 28, 1956 through the planning and hard work of Mrs. Thomas Danford, Mrs. Charles Hodges, and Jane Hall. They were representatives of St. John the Evangelist Church, the Agawam First Baptist Church, and the Agawam Congregational Church. The three churches sponsored the Agawam Club and held meetings and activities for the Agawam seniors.

Two of the past presidents, Edward Organek and Evelyn O'Melia, were recognized for their terms in office, and Theresa DiCarlo and Evelyn Casavant (two of the Life Members who were present) were also recognized.

A Certificate of Appreciation and a gift were

presented to Marion Binnenkade for her many years of service to the club as its Ways and Means Chairman from 1975 to 1996.

Not to be forgotten for her contribution in making the Golden Age Club available for the Agawam seniors, the Chapter 1 Club remembered Mrs. Thomas Danford with a flower arrangement.

The President, Mary DelNegro, thanked all members who had helped out at the meetings, served on committees, served as Honor Guards, and past and present officers for their contribution to help make the Agawam Golden Age Club a success.

After dinner, Cecilia Rebecchi, Program Chairman, introduced the Golden Age Harmonicats. Their songs had members going down memory lane, and the music was so great that members sang and danced. They were an excellent group of entertainers.

A good time was enjoyed by all.



LONGTIME Golden Age Club member Marion Binnenkade (left) receives a "Certificate of Appreciation" for her many years of service to the club from President Mary DelNegro. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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MR. & MRS. MICHAEL BOTTASSO

Joelle Carnevale Weds Michael Bottasso

Joelle Carnevale and Michael Bottasso were recently joined in marriage at St. Mary's Church in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

Parents of the bride are Gerald and Janet Carnevale of Chelmsford. The bridegroom is the son of George and Alice Bottasso of 21 Princeton Avenue, Feeding Hills.

Jennifer Lozada attended her sister as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Karen Bottasso (sister of the groom), Susan Betourney, Allie Kelly, Laurie Moore, and Julie Ottesen.

Michael Curto served as best man. Ushers were John Carnevale and Jay Carnevale (brothers of the bride), Chris Caron, Sami Laurinatti, and Carm Mazza.

The bride holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education from UMass-Amherst and a Master of Education from UMass-Lowell. She is a reading teacher for Belmont Public Schools.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School and holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from UMass-Amherst. He is a mechanical engineer at Raytheon Company in Marlboro, Massachusetts.

A reception was held at the Andover Country Club in Andover, Massachusetts. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple now resides in Acton, Massachusetts.

Quail Run Estates Has Open House Set For Nov. 7th

Quail Run Estates Retirement Residence, 50 Cardinal Drive (off Cooper Street), Agawam, will be hosting a Dessert Extravaganza and Open House on Thursday, November 7th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

As a way of welcoming you to Quail Run Estates, tempting desserts and a tour of the beautiful building will be featured. You'll feel right at home in the gracious, yet comfortable surroundings.

For more information, call (413) 786-9688. It will be a sweet time to remember!

Agawam Historians Receiving Support For Plans & Programs

Judging by attendance, the new plans and programs of the Agawam Historical Association have widespread public support and interest.

At the October 24th meeting of the Association, Rick Bellico, President of the Association, outlined plans for the new Historical and Fire Museum, and storyteller Lu Parchick made an informational and dramatically entertaining presentation on the personal life of Agawam's historic Anne Sullivan.

The meeting was open to the general public and many families with their children attended. Included in the audience was Dr. Frank Ameruso, Agawam's new Superintendent of Schools, who expressed support for the museum and the goals and objectives of the Historical Association.

In his remarks, Mr. Bellico pointed out the benefits to the entire community of the new museum and appealed to the entire community for help in making plans a reality. The two things most immediately needed are new members in the Association to assist in the planning; and contributions from individuals and other civic organizations to help defray the cost of converting the old Elm Street firehouse to a museum.

John Zebryk, Program Chairman, in his remarks stated that the museum and future programs of the Association, are being designed to be of interest to families and people of all ages and interests.

For further information about membership and plans, please call Bill Trevethane at 789-2592 or Sasha Zebryk at 789-1608.

Heritage Hall Announces Annual Christmas Bazaar

Heritage Hall Centers, a member of the Genesis ElderCare network, is having its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Bazaar will take place on the Heritage Hall campus located off of Cooper Street and Main Street.

Each of the four campus buildings will be selling craft items and baked goods made by Heritage Hall and the community. In addition, tag sale tables and raffles will be held. Proceeds from the Bazaar will be used for special event programming for residents.

The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services, at 786-8000.

Holiday Bazaar Slated By Community Grange & W. Spfld. Grange

Community Grange of Feeding Hills and West Springfield Grange will hold a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall, located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills.

Handmade items, a bake sale, attic treasures, and a snack bar will be available.

"Home Party Express" To Take Place At Capt. Leonard House

You are cordially invited to attend the fourth annual "Home Party Express" to be presented by the Springfield Christian School. This event will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

Complete all your Christmas shopping in one stop, and pay no shipping or handling charge on this day only! Orders will be ready by December 7, 1996, and there will be cash and carry specials. This event will also feature crafts, a bake sale, and door prizes.

Vendors will include Home Interiors, Discovery Toys, Tupperware, Successful Christian Living Books, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Pine Cone Crafts, Christmas Around the World, Avon, Stick-ees, House of Lloyd Gifts, Family Learning Books, and Pampered Chef.

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For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Historic Graveyard Tour Nov. 1st At Old Feeding Hills Cemetery

Major William McIntier invites you to join him and some of his friends on a Historic Graveyard Tour on Friday, November 1st, at the Old Feeding Hills Cemetery on South Westfield Street.

Ongoing tours will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last until 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 and one canned good to benefit the Agawam/West Side Open Pantry.

The Historic Graveyard Tour is sponsored by the Agawam/West Side Toastmasters Club and the Agawam Historical Association. The rain date is Saturday, November 2nd.

For further information, call Karla Young at 786-8995.



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The Renaud Family Announces Birth Of First Child, Emily

Tony and Debbie Renaud of Janelle Drive, Agawam, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Emily Mary.

Emily was born on September 12th at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. She weighed seven pounds, two ounces, and measured 21½ inches.

Her maternal grandparents are Patricia Hart of Westfield and Chip Hart of Northport, Florida. The paternal grandmother is Rolande Renaud of Springfield.

The great-grandparents are Pio Callini and Burton A. Hart of Westfield, Rose Renaud of Springfield, and Beatrice Gagne of Vermont.

William O. Thomson Completes Air Force Flight Screening Prog.

Air National Guard Staff Sgt. William O. Thomson has graduated from the Air Force Flight Screening Program at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The flight screening program is designed for pilot candidates who do not hold a private pilot's license and have not completed another screening program. The program's curriculum of military orientation and flight screening in the T-3A, the newest aircraft in the Air Force inventory, allows the Air Force to screen pilot candidates for potential undergraduate pilot training success.

The candidates may come from the Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC), Officer Training School, active duty, and even Air National Guard and Reserve components.

They must complete the rigorous program which includes 17 hours of academic instruction and test. Candidates receive 21½ flying hours practicing aerobatics, spins, stalls, turns and overhead patterns, and landings, including two solo flights. These are needed flying skills that they must later master in undergraduate pilot training.

Thomson, a pilot candidate, is the son of Nguyet H. Thomson of 420 Main Street, Agawam, and Edwin W. Thomson of 7 Lightning Bug Trail, Cummington, MA.

He is a 1989 graduate of West Springfield High School. In 1993, Thomson received a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

All the local news with us, each week

Check our classified

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 4th: Beef Burgundy, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, rye bread, orange.

Tuesday, November 5th: Birthdays and anniversaries — baked chicken leg, peas, sweet potato, oat bread, cake.

Wednesday, November 6th: Liver and onions, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, wheat bread, ice cream.

Thursday, November 7th: Strip steak with gravy, mashed potato, carrots, pumpernickel bread, pears.

Friday, November 8th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, spinach, rye bread, applesauce.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Open Pantry Seeks Family Food Baskets For The Holidays

Each year at Thanksgiving, the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry puts together food baskets for families. These families who receive food from the Pantry throughout the year are in need of this extra, special help at Thanksgiving.

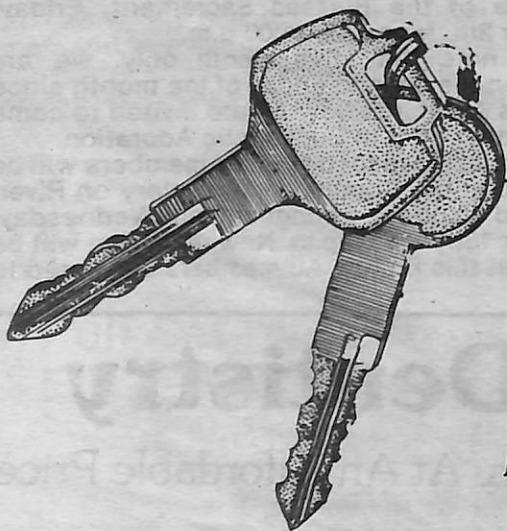
Each food basket consists of a turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, fresh vegetables (potatoes, onions, squash), fruit, and dessert.

Donations for the food baskets are always gratefully accepted. The Pantry prepares for 350 baskets each year.

Donations may be brought to the Pantry at 1023 Main St. or call 734-7969 for more information.



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THE AGAWAM BAPTIST CHURCH opened its popular Trading Post Consignment Shop earlier this month. Volunteers who operate the shop include, from left - Bernice Nowill, Emma Cross, Arline Smith, and Shirley M. Goss. The Trading Post offers ladies, men's, and children's clothes. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam First Baptist Church Has Trading Post In Full Swing

We are in full swing at the First Baptist Church Trading Post Consignment Shop, which was organized in 1957.

We are open Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and we are starting something new this fall by opening on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We have one room with small household appliances, drapes, curtains, blankets, spreads, dishes, pots, pans, bags, puzzles, and paperbacks.

We have a children's room with beautiful baby

bargains.

Another room is filled with jeans, dresses, sweaters, jerseys, stylish stouts to petite and juniors, plus shoes, blouses, robes, and maternity clothes.

We also have a men's section with suits, sportcoats, overcoats, raincoats, jackets, sweaters, shoes, slippers, and boots.

Hope you will be able to visit us and take advantage of our bargains.

We are located in Agawam Center at the corner of Main and Elm Street.

Nocturnal Adoration To Meet Nov. 8th At Saint Louis Church

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Louis Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, November 8th, from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Please note that, this month only, we are meeting on the second Friday of the month since the first is All Saints Day. All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

The annual Mass for deceased members will be celebrated at the Dominican Monastery on Riverdale Road in West Springfield on Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. New members will be installed at this liturgy. All members are urged to attend.

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The Election For Eternal Life

Election Day is finally upon us. Those who are seeking elective office have been trying to impress upon us the importance of the votes we are about to cast.

To some extent, they are correct in their assertions. However, when we pull the lever in the voting booth, we are really only making temporary decisions. Two, four, or six years from now, we will vote again.

There is another election which has permanent consequences. It is the election to eternal life in Christ Jesus. When this vote is finally cast, there will be no turning back. And, unlike political elections, where voter turnout is less than 100 percent, everybody has to vote in the eternal election.

There are a few comparisons between earthly and eternal elections which are worth noting. For example, both are enormously expensive. Analysts estimate that the Democrats and Republicans will spend a combined total of \$1.6 billion on the 1996 campaign. That is the equivalent of 36 years' worth of Agawam's annual operating budget! The eternal election was also enormously expensive. It cost God the life of His Son.

Additionally, the candidates who seek elective office offer themselves to the electorate by

Western Mass. Baha'is To Celebrate Holy Day

Western Massachusetts Baha'is will commemorate the birthday of Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith, at Marsh Memorial Chapel on the Springfield College Campus at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 11th.

The public is welcome to attend.

The Nightingale Choir, the Springfield Baha'i Youth Workshop, and the New Generation Choir will provide entertainment. Brief addresses will be made by Dr. William Roberts, Carol Rutstein, and Springfield College's Ken Childs. The Baha'i community will also present a plaque to the College.

The Baha'i Faith is the second most widespread religion in the world in terms of the number of races and ethnic groups with adherents. Baha'i principles include the oneness of humanity, the oneness of all religion, equality of men and women, and universal education. For further information, call 737-8757.

declaring their candidacy. They must put themselves forward in order to be elected, according to the laws of the land. Similarly, each person who would seek eternal life must offer himself or herself to the Electorate, who in this case is God.

They must declare themselves as candidates to be God's people according to God's laws, which means by faith in Jesus Christ. In both elections, the candidates seek to be accepted and be elected by others. In one case, there can be only one winner. In the other case, everyone can win!

In earthly elections, the candidates claim to be worthy of the people's confidence and trust. To varying degrees, such claims may be valid. The problem is that everybody has things in their histories which disqualify all of us for the public trust. Voters must then decide which factors make a given candidate acceptable or unacceptable.

The challenge for the candidates is to accurately gauge public opinion on such issues, which change over time. We can recall that Donna Rice sank Gary Hart's chances, whereas Gennifer Flowers turned out to be an interesting non-event for President Clinton.

In the eternal election, the candidates are completely free to be who they really are, which is unworthy of the acceptance we ask for. Nobody deserves to go to heaven. However, God has already decided that He will accept anybody who will put their faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

None of us has to fear being exposed by the eternal equivalent of the *National Enquirer*. Jesus Christ has already suffered the rejection each of us deserve.

Finally, elections are about who gets in, and who doesn't. Whether we realize it or not, whether we like it or not, every last one of us is in the election for eternal life. It is the desire of the electorate for each of us to win our election.

"Soup Supper" Success For Church

On Friday evening, October 25th, many members and friends of Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills gathered to enjoy a night of great food and lots of fun.

Our "soup" supper, with a choice of beef barley or corn chowder, was prepared by Sue Pearsons along with corn bread and desserts.

After eating, we all (young and old alike) sat around painting faces on pumpkins. Boy, did our artistic talents show (or not show) that night. What a great night of fellowship!!

Our Fellowship Suppers have become a regular monthly event with food and fun geared towards all ages. The next Fellowship Supper will be held on Friday, November 29th at 5:30 p.m.

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Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, November 3rd, is the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "First Prize Goes To..." taken from the Text: Matthew 23:1-12. The Children's Message will be: "Have You Ever Lost?"

This is Communion Sunday and the Deacons of the church will be serving communion to the congregation.

This is also "Bring a Friend to Church Sunday" sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. All Church School students are welcome to bring a friend to their Church School Classes.

The Playgroups are in full swing. The groups meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.; newborns to kindergarten age are welcome to attend.

For more information concerning this group, contact the church office, 786-7111.

Next Sunday, November 10th, is Consecration Sunday. Rev. Allen Tinkham, former Associate Conference Minister, Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ, will be our Guest Steward.

His sermon title will be "As For Me and My Household, We Will Serve the Lord."

Country Line Dancing continues this Friday, November 8th. Kick up your heels from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.!

Keep Friday nights open to join "Millie and the Gang." Cost is \$5 each week at the door.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA DINNER - Saturday, November 16th, at 5:30 p.m. Menu includes: salad, ziti with meatsauce, Italian bread, ice cream & sauce, and beverages.
Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children. For reservations, call the church office, 786-7111.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold its annual "Holly Wreath Bazaar" on Saturday, November 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Holiday items, handmade crafts, cafe luncheon, baked goods, and more await your arrival. Mark your calendar today!

Reminder: The 456 Club & Jr. High Youth Groups meet each Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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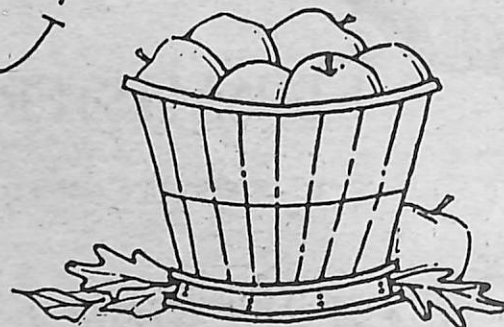


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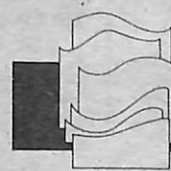
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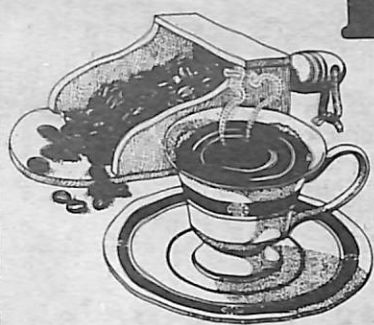
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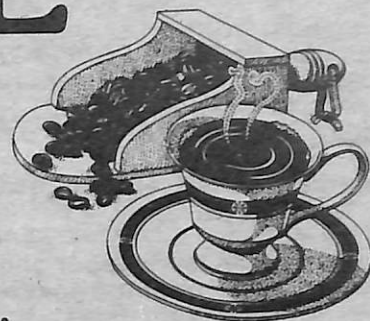
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*Church News - continued...***Communion To Be Celebrated At First Baptist Church**

Pastor Richard Barnes will lead this Sunday morning worship service with the observance of holy communion at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Agawam.

There will be a fellowship time immediately following, and classes for all ages will convene after the coffee hour. As usual, nursery care is available.

You are cordially invited to attend any of the morning's events. A warm welcome always awaits newcomers to First Baptist.

On our calendar this week:

Monday, November 4th: 7:00 p.m., Sunshine Circle at the home of Yoshi Hayden; 7:00 p.m., Bible Study - Home of Joanna Curran; 7:30 p.m., Amicitia Circle in Lockhart Parlor.

Tuesday, November 5th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group; 7:30 p.m., Church Committee - Parlor.

Wednesday, November 6th: 7:15 a.m., MidWeek Prayer Time - Chapel; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, November 7th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Friday, November 8th: 7:00 p.m., Senior Youth Group.

Saturday, November 9th: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

You are reminded that our church will be participating in providing holiday baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

A box will be in Davis Hall for non-perishable food items on November 10th and 17th. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Coming up soon: The Jingle Valley Fair on November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Plan now to attend the Snowflake Luncheon and visit the various booths. More details later.

News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults and young people begins at 9:00 a.m. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson will give a sermon entitled "The Strongest Words of Jesus." Children are welcome to attend the service with their parents, leaving at a designated time for a special project.

Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Save a turkey — eat chicken pot pie at the LBS supper on Saturday, November 9th!

The menu will include: chicken pie, whipped potatoes, vegetables, condiments, rolls and butter, homemade pies, and beverage. Meals will be served continuously from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children under age eight, and preschool-age children are free.

Reservations are not required but are recommended. Please call Pat DeYoung at 789-4679 or Thelma Horenstein at 786-9195.

Anyone interested in helping with any of the numerous tasks involved with putting on this supper is asked to contact Lani Kretschmar at 786-9025, Jackie Gilmartin at 789-0032, or Bernice Burton at 786-2947. They'll surely have a way you can help!

On the calendar this week:

Friday, November 1st: 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

Sunday, November 3rd: 9:00 a.m., Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Communion Service; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads; 7:00 p.m., Confirmation Class.

Monday, November 4th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Council.

Tuesday, November 5th: Election Day; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, November 6th: 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, November 7th: 2:50 p.m., Girl Scouts.

Friday, November 8th: 7:00 p.m., LBS.

Saturday, November 9th: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., LBS Chicken Pie Supper.

dine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls and butter, homemade apple or squash pie, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children under eight, and free for preschool-age children. There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

For reservations, call Mrs. Pat DeYoung, 789-4679, or Mrs. William Horenstein, 786-9195.

Valley Community Has Community Events

Valley Community Church will be holding a variety of community-involved events during the upcoming week.

On Sunday, November 3rd, Pastor Steve will challenge us all with a message taken from Matthew 23:1-12. During the worship service, the Mission Committee will begin their month-long "Sock it to 'em" collection for our missionary family in Guatemala. Sunday also starts our Bottle & Can Drive.

On Tuesday evening, our Junior Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. Our kids are enthusiastically practicing to perfection for upcoming services. If your children love to sing, we encourage you to have them join the increasing number of kids at Junior Choir.

Also on Tuesday night, the ladies of the church will meet at the home of Dot Wells. The Ladies Club is in the process of making craft items to be sold throughout the upcoming holiday season.

The Senior Choir will meet on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. The ever-growing number has added volume and depth to our already powerful voices in the choir.

On Thursday, the local Cub Scout Troop 78, Den 3 meets downstairs in Dunn Hall from 6:15 until 7:30 p.m.

Ending the week on Saturday, November 9th will be our monthly chicken supper which is a night of great food and fantastic fellowship.

Valley Community Church warmly welcomes everyone to any of our upcoming events.

The church is located at 152 South Westfield St.

St. Thomas Women's Club Slates 4th Annual Holiday Craft Fair

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church, Westfield Street (Route 20), West Springfield, will hold its fourth annual Holiday Craft Fair in the school auditorium on Saturday, November 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A beautiful selection of handmade crafts will be exhibited, and this will be the ideal time to start your Christmas shopping.

A light lunch will be available, and the club members will have their Fall Bake Sale in the adjacent club room. Proceeds of the Bake Sale will benefit the club's Scholarship Fund.

For all the local news, you turn to us

Benevolent Society At F.H. Congregational To Hold Chicken Pie Supper/Bazaar Nov. 9th

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a "Chicken Pie Supper," mini-bazaar, and food sale on Saturday, November 9, 1996.

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News & Notes From Sacred Heart Church

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It will take place at the Polish American Club, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills on Saturday, November 2nd from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Music will be provided by DJ Karaoke Kid Productions. Tickets are \$7.50 and may be purchased in advance. Please call to reserve a table in advance if you have a large group.

Call Bruce at 786-8406 or Kevin at 786-5441.

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CATHOLIC SINGLES

Agawam Catholic Singles will meet on Wednesday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Walter Joyce Meeting Room at St. John's Parish Center.

Speaker is Sr. Mary Lou Gillon, Diocesan Director of Pastoral Ministry.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

BINGO is held in the Parish Center every Friday evening at 6:45. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. There is free coffee and a snack bar is available.

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Agawam United Methodist Church Announces Upcoming Activities

It is our pleasure to invite as many who read this notice, and are seeking a place of worship, to visit the Agawam United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 3rd. We are located at 459 Mill Street (near Agawam High School).

Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. Our aim is always to celebrate the blessed experiences of the week and to praise God for his gifts of love, mercy, forgiveness, vision, and empowerment within the hour.

We are open, however, to the spirit's guidance and movements at each worship service. This can be experienced in the singing of choruses at some point or in the beautiful fellowship which follows the hour.

Baptism of infants will be administered every third Sunday of each month. Our baptism services are inspiring and challenging to parents and the religious community, and bear continued significance in the life of each child as he or she grows to adulthood.

At baptism, the church both promises and pledges to support parents in their effort to bring the child or children up in the nurture of the Lord and as disciplined, polite, and courteous persons. Please call 786-4174 for more detailed information.

"Invite A Friend Sunday" is set for the first Sunday in December (the first Sunday of Advent). During Advent, we hail the coming Christ into the world. This is a good time to make a new beginning.

Come! Join us as we greet the season and as we welcome the Savior into our lives and into the life of the community.

At all our services, the children's story is a vital ingredient. Many adults look forward to that moment in the worship service when they, too, can listen to what children listen and enjoy what children enjoy.

Annual Communion Breakfast To Be Held Monday, November 11th At St. John's

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its annual Communion Supper on Monday evening, November 11th, in St. John the Evangelist Parish Center following a 6:15 p.m. Mass in the church. Sr. Mary Lou Gillon, Pastoral Minister of the Diocese, will be the guest speaker.

A chicken and pork dinner served family style will be catered by Alcoa. The cost is \$15. If your caller has been unable to reach you and you

would like to attend, please call Chairwoman Elaine Taupier at 786-2325.

Serving on the committee are: Betsey Ciempa, Marge Disco, Lillian Doyle, Beatrice Hamel, Martha Jerry, Theresa Longo, Mary Ellen Mineo, Jackie Morgan, Barbara Perry, Margaret Saliba, Patricia Sherry, Ann Sorel, Miriam Taupier, and Mary Turner.

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Spotlight On Business



HAMPDEN SAVINGS BANK PRESIDENT Thomas R. Burton (right) and branch Manager Eleanor Adams (left) congratulated some of the winners of the West Springfield office's recent grand opening contest and drawing. Eighteen people won free safe deposit boxes, deluxe American flag kits, and other major prizes. Pictured between bank officials are (from left) - Roger E. Dion, Frank Bednarski, and Mary Fleury of West Springfield; Donna Fillion, Southwick; Virginia Heyl, Agawam; Rita Sweeney, West Springfield; Rita Shore, Southwick; Ellen Robinson, West Springfield; Ken Eggleston, Feeding Hills; and Richard Johnson, West Springfield.

Hampden Savings Bank Announces Winners Of Grand Opening Contest

Hampden Savings Bank has announced the winners of a contest and free drawings held recently to mark the Grand Opening of its West Springfield office.

Eighteen prize winners were announced following last month's celebration of extensive renovations and installations at the 220 Westfield Street location. Remodeling included the addition of a drive-through window and the installation of safe deposit boxes, privacy rooms, and a business night drop.

In addition, both the ATM lobby and bank lobby were renovated. A ribbon cutting ceremony and reception were held September 6th to initiate the celebration, which ran through September 20th.

The Drive-Thru Banking Contest was won by guessing the number of cars to use the new drive-through window during the grand reopening. The first-prize winner was Ellen Robinson of West Springfield, who received a 20" color TV. The second-place winner and recipient of a video cassette player/recorder was Richard Johnson of West Springfield.

Robinson and Johnson both guessed 550 — just one less than the actual number of cars. The third-place winner and recipient of a stereo compact disc player was Donna Fillion of Southwick.

To celebrate the installation of 160 new safe deposit boxes and new viewing rooms, five people were awarded a free safe deposit for one year. Winners of the drawing were Roger E. Dion and Hershal Patel of West Springfield, Ken Eggleston of Feeding Hills, Denise A. Johnson of Agawam, and Chip Dempsey of Westfield.

In keeping with the landmark giant American flag that flies in front of the bank, a drawing was held to award 10 people a 3' x 5' U.S. flag with pole

and mounting bracket for the home. The winners were Frank Bednarski, Ruth Faulstich, Mary Fleury, David LaMountain, Andrea Rovelli, and Rita Sweeney of West Springfield, Bruno Brenner and Virginia Heyl of Agawam, Linda Shore of Southwick, and Latoya Mills of Springfield.

Many of the winners recently gathered with bank officials at the West Springfield office. "At a time when many banks are closing branches and becoming more automated and less personal, we are doing the opposite," said Eleanor Adams, manager. "We are expanding our branch services and focusing on more personal and customized customer services. Now, with drive-through banking, safe deposit boxes, a night drop for businesses, and extended banking hours, every one of our customers is gaining convenience and better service," she said.

With the grand reopening, new and expanded banking hours were set for the drive-through window and lobby. Drive-Thru hours are Monday through Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lobby hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The ATM lobby is open 24 hours.

Hampden Savings Bank is a 144 year-old mutual savings bank. The bank's depositors, though not stockholders, have shared its net earnings in recent years by receiving a bonus interest payment in November.

With headquarters at 19 Harrison Avenue in Springfield, Hampden Savings has offices on Allen Street and in Longmeadow as well as in West Springfield.



THOMAS R. BURTON, president of Hampden Savings, is pictured at the West Springfield office with the winners of the Drive-Thru Banking Contest. The trio won prizes for guessing the number of cars to pass through the Drive-Through Window during its recent Grand Reopening. From left - Ellen Robinson, West Springfield, first place and a 20-inch color TV; third place winner Donna Fillion of Southwick won a stereo; and second place winner Richard Johnson of West Springfield received a VCR.

Substantial Gains For Westfield Savings Bank

Westfield Savings Bank's growth pattern has continued to show substantial gains throughout 1996, it was reported this week by Bank President, Donald A. Williams. "Third quarter figures reflected an increase of \$33,965,849 in total assets during the past year, to reach a high of \$494,750,941 as of September 30th.

"Deposits have also risen sharply," he commented, "showing an increase of \$29,168,221 for the year. Total deposits at the end of September amounted to \$434,674,116." Business loans grew by \$4,514,155 to a total of \$17,468,346.

"We have also recorded major gains in real estate loans, finishing the quarter at \$298,267,883, an increase of \$29,372,848 for the 12-month period. Consumer loans have also increased by \$4,086,116 during the year, bringing the total to \$32,083,861," Mr. Williams said.

"At the present time, we are working on final plans for the opening of our new East Longmeadow office. We are gratified by the growing interest that we have received from businesses in that area as well as from the general public. We look forward to establishing a presence in East Longmeadow as our first operation East of the Connecticut River," he concluded.

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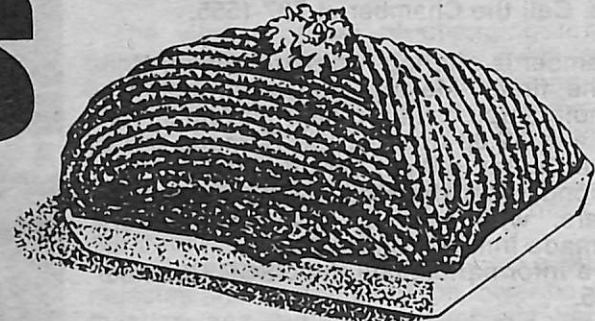
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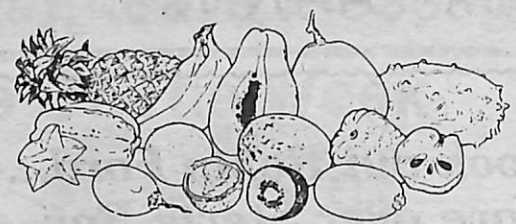


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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Upcoming Activities
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The Agawam Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club will meet Wednesday, November 6th, at 7:15 a.m. at the Ramada Hotel in West Springfield.

Cost of the breakfast is \$10.

This monthly breakfast program includes salutes of area companies' accomplishments and individuals and offers a hearty breakfast.

Have coffee with more than 600 business professionals. Call the Chamber at 787-1555.

The Chamber is offering two Seminars for Non-Profits. The first, "Making Money through National Scholarships," will be held November 6th from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center in West Springfield.

The second, "Get the Most for Your Sponsorship Dollars," will be also be held November 6th at The Ramada Inn from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

For more information, call the GSCC Chamber at 787-1555.

On November 13th, Chamber After 5 will sponsor a "Go For The Goals" Auction at Tower Square in Springfield.

Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Network with more than 200 business professionals and be part of the first annual "Go For The Goals" Auction hosted by the GSCC and the Women's Partnership.

Bid on a private bus tour through Bright Nights, tickets to a New England Patriots game, or an original piece of art.

Proceeds will benefit education programs of both organizations. Call the Chamber at 787-1555 for more information.

On November 19th, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce will hold its "Super 60 Luncheon" (formerly "Fabulous 50") beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam. Tickets are \$30 each, and tables of 10 are available for \$300.

Sixty of the area's fastest growing companies will be presented with the "Super 60 Award" at the Chamber's annual luncheon. The awards will be presented in the two categories of "Revenue Growth" and "Top Revenues."

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1. **POSTURE** - Keep your spine straight, as your mother used to say, "Sit up straight." She was right! Back support pillows help with sitting up straight. These are the perfect gift for the holidays.

2. **WEIGHT** - Keep your weight within an ideal range. Even five to 10 extra pounds can put extra pressure on the spine.

3. **LIFTING** - Keep the spine straight. Put a bend in the knees and don't twist the back.

4. **BALANCE** - Be careful with heavy pocket-books, bags, etc., which can throw the body off balance. Invest in quality mattresses, chairs, and shoes. These are items we spend a lot of time in or on, so it is important not to compromise with quality.

5. **ATTITUDE** - We know the mind and body are connected. If you are sad, your posture reflects that. Very rarely do you see someone who's happy and enthusiastic with slumped shoulders and bent over. So if you wake up a little tired, groggy, and sad, throw back those shoulders and put your head up. Your mind will be sure to follow!

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The free hour-long programs will take place on four consecutive days, beginning November 11th at 2:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center. The series includes an introduction to diabetes, dietary guidelines, a review of diabetes medications, and an overview of complications related to the condition.

Registration is required. For more information, call Mercy Hospital's Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

Breast Cancer Support Group At Mercy Hosp.

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, will meet November 5th and 19th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

For more information, call the Women's Pavilion, (413) 748-9080.

Flu Clinic Planned At Pheasant Hill On November 12th

The Agawam Health Department will hold a flu clinic at Pheasant Hill Village, Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, on Tuesday, November 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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Arts

Agawam Native Part Of PBS Production On Naturalist

Donna Shoemaker, a native of Agawam now living in South Hadley, had the recent experience of applying her skill as an esthetician to the making of a commercial film.

She was head of makeup and hair design for the filming of a biography of naturalist John Muir entitled "The Boyhood of John Muir." It is being produced by Florentine Films of Haydenville for the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

The film depicts the life of Muir from childhood in Scotland, immigrating to the United States at the age of six, to the exciting events leading to his decision to dedicate his life to preserving the wilderness. He is acclaimed today as founder of Yosemite National Park, The Sierra Club, and as America's first environmentalist.

Diane Garey of Florentine Films said it is a dramatic feature designed for family viewing on public television and will be shown in the winter. She expects local television stations will also use it.

The film was written by Ken Chowder and is being produced by Garey (as executive producer) and her husband, Lawrence Hott (as director). The couple have been working as a team for 15 years, often rotating positions.

The film was made throughout the region's hilltowns, from Northampton to Williamsburg, at a Rhode Island beach, and on the Smith College campus during July and August.

Donna and her intern in makeup, Mikaela Samberg of Ely Avenue, West Springfield, found the project an exciting and invaluable experience. "Once filming started, the work was intense, sometimes 10 hours a day," Donna said. "It was fun working at different locations and with celebrities."

From The Movie "Braveheart"...

Seventeen year-old Gary Hollywood, an actor in a Scottish soap opera, was brought from Scotland to play the youthful John Muir. Scottish actress Gerda Stevenson plays Muir's mother. Both appeared in the Mel Gibson hit "Braveheart." Hollywood (a family name) is now at work in London on a British movie, "The Winter Guest."

Garey and Hott share over 100 national and international film awards and are veterans of 12 documentary programs for PBS. Funding sources for this film include \$170,000 from the National Endowment for Children's Educational Television, and a grant from the Town Creek Foundation.

In addition to Donna and Mikaela, other area people on the crew and cast included production assistant John Dahaher, a graduate of Agawam High School living in Northampton; production assistant Matthew Newman of Westfield, also liv-



AGAWAM RESIDENT DONNA SHOEMAKER checks angle of costume hat on actress Gerda Stevenson.



SCOTTISH ACTOR GARY HOLLYWOOD holds still for check-out by director of makeup Donna Shoemaker on location for "The Boyhood of John Muir."

ing in Northampton; and Michael Menendez of Springfield.

Twelve year-old Kaitlin Conz of East Longmeadow and 13 year-old Lisa Casper of Wilbraham had bit parts. Donna's husband, songwriter/guitarist Richard Neville, and his 16 year-old daughter, Amber, are among the extras.

Donna Shoemaker coordinated and presented a workshop on theater makeup on October 18th for 30 selected students and faculty members from five area colleges. Participating colleges were Mount Holyoke, UMass, Hampshire, Amherst, and Smith, where the workshop was held. Mikaela assisted her.

Donna is director of the Ochola Day Spa at the Village Commons, South Hadley, where Mikaela is a makeup artist.

St. Mary's To Present "Arsenic And Old Lace" Nov. 1st & 2nd

The Drama Club of St. Mary's High School in Westfield will proudly present the popular murder-comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace" on the evenings of Friday, November 1st, and Saturday, November 2nd. Students starring in the production are Theresa Smith, Jillian Tolpa, Jeffrey Bolvin, Stephen Gil, Christine Karwoski, Marc Nadeau, and Heidi Rydell.

Both performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, and \$2 for students.

Directions to the school may be obtained by calling 568-5692.

Ag. Cultural Council Seeks New Members

The Agawam Cultural Council is looking for new members. This is an invitation to any community members interested in the cultural needs of our city.

The Agawam Cultural Council sponsors the Summer Concert Series on the Veterans' Memorial Green at Phelps Elementary School, and the First Friday Series which presents various performers to the public, free of charge.

The Council also distributes grants, once a year, to individuals and organizations.

If you are interested in attending a meeting or would like to become a member, please call JoAnne Condon at 789-0994 for more information.

Community Artists Planning Annual Exhibit Nov. 8-9

The Agawam Community Artists group will be having their annual exhibit at the Agawam Public Library on November 8th and 9th.

The reception of the artists will be on November 8th from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend and meet the local and area artists and artisans, also to view their artistry. The wall items will be shown at the Library through the end of November.

The ACA November meeting will be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, starting at 7:00 p.m. on November 6th. Final plans for the exhibit will be discussed and all members are expected to attend this very important meeting.

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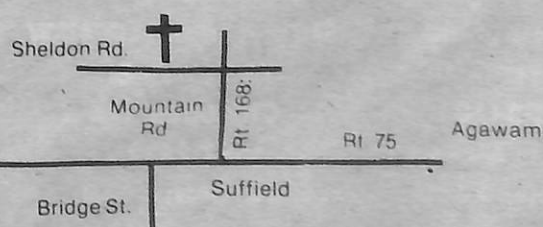
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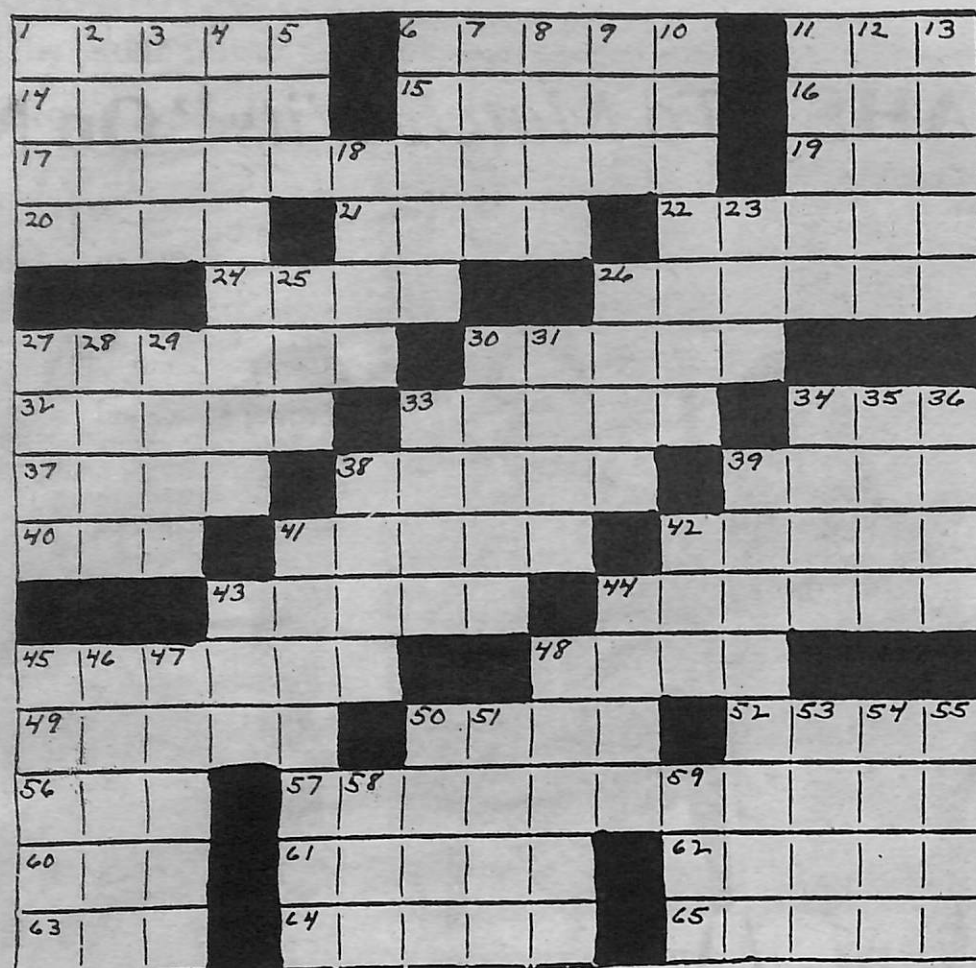
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44 Lyricist Alan Jay
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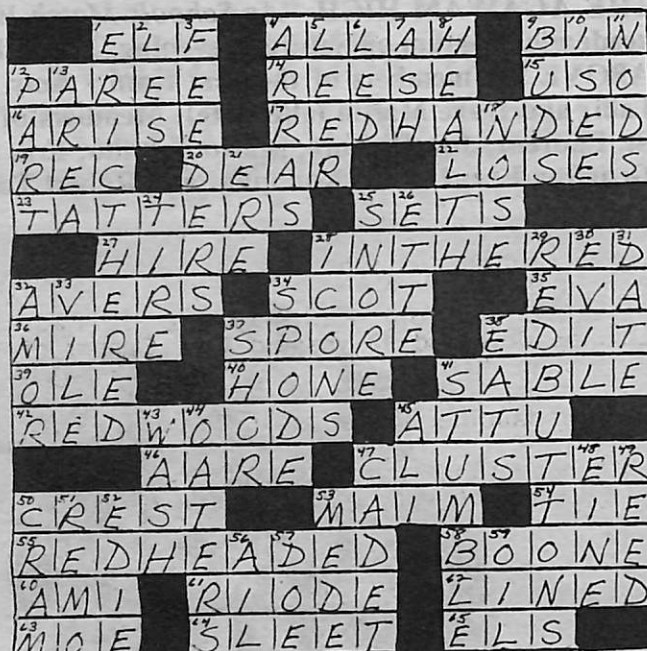
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10 Hemingway and others
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13 Board game
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23 French female saint
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MEET THE MASTER — by Dick Mastroianni



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Last Week's Solution...



Program On Everglades Set For Agawam Lib.

This Friday evening (November 1st) at 7:30 p.m., John Green from Amherst will present a program on Glacier National Park and the Everglades at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street.

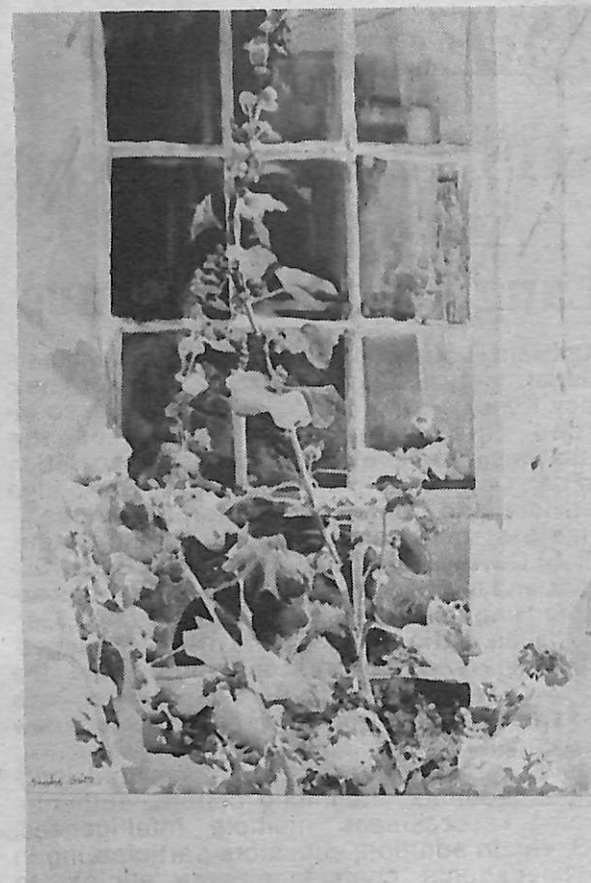
Mr. Green is a natural history photographer and interpretive naturalist. There will be slides, music, and a narration. The program is free and open to the public. It will appeal to all ages.

John and Green and Tom Tynning have joined forces in conducting tours and workshops to offer meaningful experiences in natural history obser-

vation, encouraging people to enjoy sights of places near and far. They emphasize sensitivities in dealing with the natural world. They stress patient observation, and this leads to the skilled photography which will be shown in the program.

This presentation is supported in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council as administered by the Agawam Cultural Council.

For further information, call Virginia Heyl of the Agawam Cultural Council at 786-9150.



ONE OF THE WATER COLORS by Feeding Hills resident Sandra Saitto.

Sandra Saitto Of F.H. Signature Member Of National Society

Sandra Saitto of Feeding Hills has been notified that she has been selected to become a Signature member of the National Watercolor Society.

A Jury of Selection judged her work to meet the standards of quality and consistency required by the Society, and her painting "Number 1" was juried into the 76th Annual Exhibition of the National Watercolor Society at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center in Fullerton, California.

She is an exhibiting member of many art associations, including the Academic Artists, the New England Watercolor Society, the Rockport and North Shore Art Associations, and the International Society of Marine Painters. Recently, she was bestowed the honor and artistic distinction of becoming a Copley Artist by the Copley Society of Boston.

Sandra exhibits her work nationwide. Her work has won numerous awards, most recently the Watercolor Society of Oregon Award by the Northwest Watercolor Society; the Gordon Grant Memorial Award by the North Shore Arts Association; and the Marguerite Pearson Gold Medal for most outstanding work in paintings, graphics, or sculpture by the Rockport Art Association.

Her artwork has been included in numerous publications, including the recently published books, *The Best of Abstracts* and *The Best of Watercolor*, published in 1995 by Rockport Publishers.

A copy of *The Best of Watercolor* was purchased by the Agawam Cultural Council and donated to the Agawam Public Library.

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Education

AHS Teachers Attend Annual Foreign Language Conference

Agawam High School faculty members Melanie Poudrier, Mary Ellen Bruce, Mary Jean Dromey, Nancy Kundl, Nancy Miller, and Linda Sasso attended the annual conference of the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association (MaFLA), October 25th and 26th, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, Sturbridge.

This 31st conference focused on the theme, **OUR GLOBAL CHALLENGE: MAKING CONNECTIONS**, and included more than 60 workshops addressing linguistic needs in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Latin, Spanish, and other languages. The seminars and workshops highlighted the goals of the National Standards and Massachusetts State Frameworks which are new and mandated!

Topics varied from session to session: long-block scheduling, integrating culture, authentic listening, assessment, multiple intelligences, FLES, etc. In addition, educators participating in this educational conference were eligible to receive recertification credit as required by the State Department of Education of Massachusetts.

The MaFLA conference attracted teachers from throughout New England and program presenters from across the nation.

Among the speakers were Dr. Myriam Met from the Montgomery County (MD) Public School — keynote speaker addressing the topic "Hooray for the STANDARDS: Now, what?"; Conrad Schmitt, Author & Editor Glencoe Publishing Company; Gilda Oran, Ed.D. from Bloomsburg University; Mari Haas, Teacher's College of Columbia University; Don Reutershan from Maine State Dept. of Ed.; Karen Nerpouni & Karen Fairbrother, Concord-Carlisle RHS; Carmen Rubio, Spanish Embassy NYC; Deborah Fernald-Roberts from Dennis-Yarmouth RHS; Christiane Fabricant from Windsor School, Boston, plus many other presenters.

MaFLA's membership of over 1,000 teachers is proud to continue to serve our country's need for increased language proficiency and global awareness in our rapidly shrinking interdependent world.

Bay Path College To Host Admissions Open House On Nov. 9th

Bay Path College will host an Admissions Open House on Saturday, November 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with registration being held in the Blake Student Center on the college campus.

The open house will offer prospective students and their families an opportunity to meet with members of the faculty, current students, financial aid and admissions counselors to learn more about Bay Path College, the variety of baccalaureate and associate degree programs offered, the application process, and financial aid available.

Open House visitors will receive information about several new degree programs and revised courses that have been added. Information about the college's teacher preparation program in elementary education, recently approved by the Department of Education, will be provided.

Attendees will also receive information about other degree programs in legal studies, criminal justice, early childhood education, liberal studies, travel and hospitality, accounting, business administration, health administration, and marketing.

New concentrations within the college's business degree program include information technologies, international business, and human resource management, while gerontology is a new concentration available within the bachelor's degree in psychology. Additionally, this year the occupational therapy assistant program received its accreditation and graduated its first class with average starting annual salaries of \$31,000.

Details of minors in management, interior design, fine and performing arts, American studies, history, and women's studies will be outlined. Also, student club and activity exhibits will be featured throughout the Open House, and from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. a complimentary luncheon will be served followed by a special presentation by Bay Path college president, Dr. Carol A. Leary.

For more information or to pre-register to attend, call the Office of Admissions, Bay Path College, at 1-800-782-7284.

AHS "To Match Wits" On Nov. 2nd



THE AGAWAM HIGH "As Schools Match Wits" team will be appearing on the popular academic program on Saturday evening, November 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., on TV-22. **IN PHOTO ABOVE** are members of the first team - Amy Powell, Keith Jendza, Mike Freeman, Paul Lalli, and Dave Martin (alternate). Members of the second team are pictured below - Daryl St. Laurent, Jon Couture, Mario Santillo, Erik Sunny, Anthony Goodrow, Mary Manning, Geoffrey Krapf, Evan Konopka, and Robert Torte. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Sacred Heart Troop 75 Attend Weekend Camp

Boy Scouts of Troop 75 at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills recently returned from a fall camporee weekend held at the Horace A. Moses Campground.

During the campout, the boys worked toward earning a number of badges and learned about a variety of subjects, including maps and compasses, safety, communications, etc.

Throughout the year, the troop participates in

monthly campouts that complement a range of non-camping activities. Together as a program, these activities build important life skills and teach the scouts about their world and environment.

Any boys ages 11 to 18 who want more information about the troop or who would like to visit to see what scouting is all about, should contact Troop 75 scoutmaster Hugh McBride at 786-6179.

Phelp PTO Reminds Voters Of Election Day Bake Sale On Nov. 5th

The Phelps PTO would like to remind the voters in Precinct 5 we will be having our annual Election Day Bake Sale.

We will also be raffling off a turkey donated by Olde Towne Bagel. Tickets will be three for \$1.

Please remember our deadline is every Tuesday at noon. We open at 6:30 a.m.



AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
Acting Director
AHS Guidance Dept.

Have You Hugged Your Child Today?

Often, I am behind a car that has a bumper sticker that relates the above message. Each time, it gives me pause and I begin to muse just how important it is to show your child affection, to let him/her know not just with words how special he/she is to you.

I still remember the time a young man had come into my office and was very upset with his father. It seems they just never got along. Dad had remarried, had children with his new wife, and this boy felt slighted, unwanted, and hurt.

Yet, did Dad know this? Had the son shared his feelings with Dad? Through some probing, I learned that Dad did not really know his feelings; as a matter of fact, both never communicated that much.

A telephone call was made. Dad came into my office the next morning. The son was there, too. Always noticing body language, I was struck by theirs. Dad took a chair and moved it to one side of my office; his son took a chair and moved it to the other side. There they sat, separated like two islands. We spoke for a while, and I elicited responses from each one.

Finally, noticing the lack of eye contact that each had for the other, I asked the young man, "Does Dad ever hug you? Does he ever put his arms around you and tell you how much you mean to him?" He squirmed in his chair, shook his leg, put his head down, and then I noticed his shoulders were shaking. With tears streaming down his face, he looked up at me and quietly said, "No."

I glanced at Dad, who had begun fidgeting and was clearly agitated. He looked at me with pain on his face and said, "I had no idea he was feeling this way. I mean I do hug the girls, but my folks never hugged me, just my sisters, so I guess I just never thought about hugging him. I'm sorry." I waited, glued in my seat.

Dad looked at his son; his son looked at him. Dad slowly arose from his chair, walked over to his son, and put his arms around his son. He held him tightly and the son returned the hug. Both had tears in their eyes, but they were tears from feeling good.

After that meeting, I am happy to say, things dramatically improved. The boy realized that Dad loved him as well as his half-sisters, although he had never visibly shown it. Both learned how important it is to communicate feelings, to show how you feel. Often, a good hug is worth a thousand words.

Have YOU hugged your child today? Dad and his son did, and what a difference it has made!

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

SCHOLARSHIPS: See Mrs. Williams for more information.

Boston University Trustees Scholarship Program: Open to students who plan to apply for admission to B.U. and who meet the following criteria: a B plus average in a demanding college preparatory program, rank in the top five percent of the graduating class, and a score of at least 1,400 on the SAT I's or 700 in either the verbal or mathematics portion of the SAT I. See Mrs. Williams if you are interested in applying.

University of Massachusetts Francis M. Dowd/Raytheon Scholarship: This four-year award, worth \$4,000 per year, will be awarded to a high school senior planning a college major in engineering, mathematics, or sciences at U.Mass Amherst. The student must be the son/daughter of a Raytheon employee.

Toyota Community Scholars Program: One-hundred scholarships will be awarded nationally for study at a four-year college. If you are a high school senior with outstanding academic credentials and active participation in service to your community, see Mrs. Williams to apply to be the nominee from Agawam High School. Deadline: December 1, 1996.

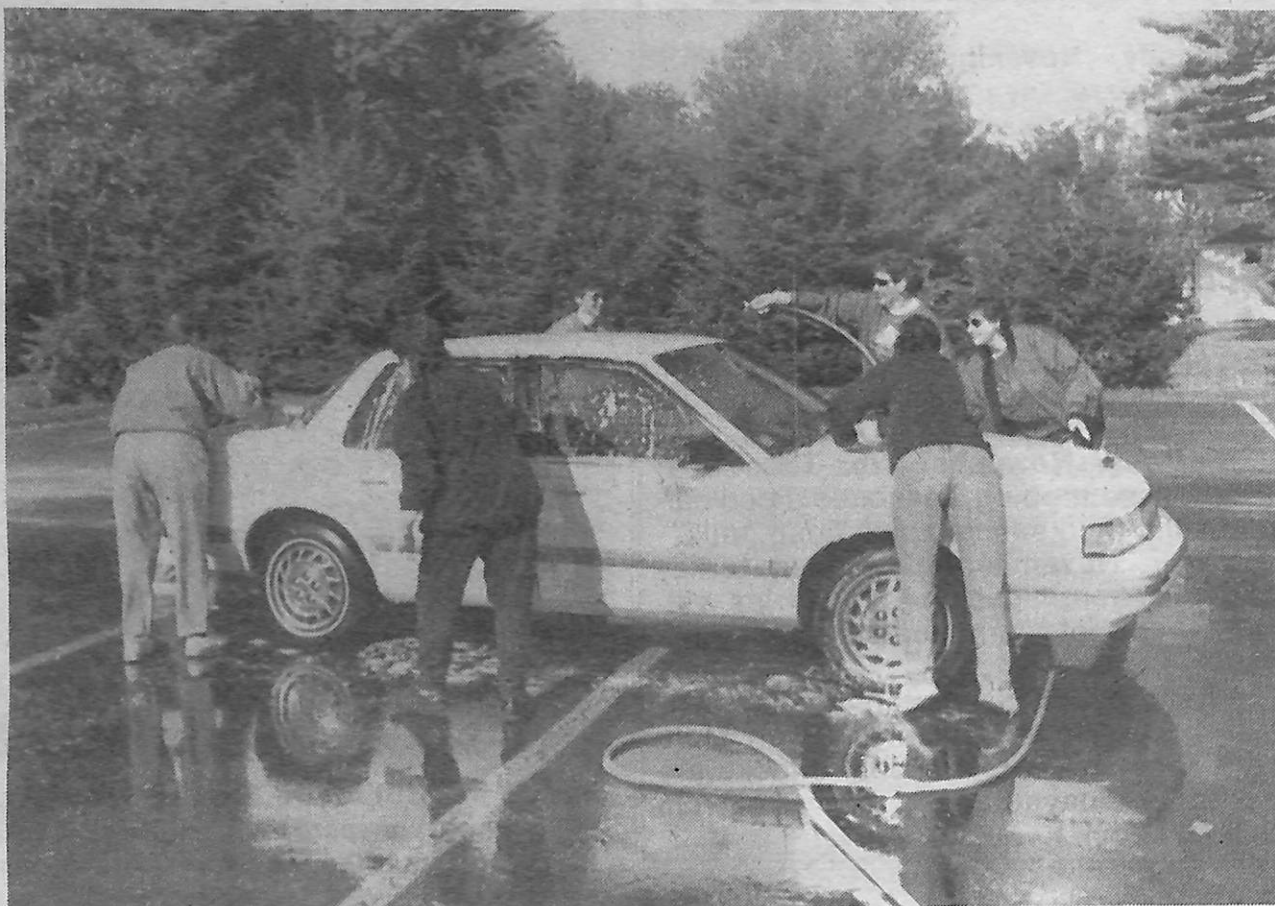
National Alliance for Scholastic Achievement Scholarship Program: To be eligible for this program, a student must be enrolled in a public or private secondary school as a senior who anticipates being accepted at an accredited four-year college, a U.S. citizen or resident alien, a student who demonstrates academic achievement through a GPA of at least 2.5, completion of the SAT, and a written essay. Deadline: March 1, 1997.

Susquehanna University Merit Scholarship: Open to students who are outstanding scholars and who plan to enroll at Susquehanna.

OPEN HOUSES: See Mrs. Williams for more information.

University of Scranton - November 3rd.

D.A.R.E. Helped At Medical West Asso.



A BENEFIT CAR WASH was held at Medical West Associates earlier this month. Medical West Associates employees donated the funds to Project D.A.R.E. in the town's schools.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Feeding Hills Man Appointed As Dean At Bay Path College

William F. Campanella of Feeding Hills has been appointed associate dean of enrollment services at Bay Path College, it was announced by Bay Path President Carol A. Leary. He brings to the college nearly 10 years of experience in admissions and student recruitment.

From 1995 until joining the Bay Path staff, he served as administrative director for Western New England College's new Downtown Campus. Previously, he was associate director of admissions at that institution for nine years.

He has also served as director of program development and communications for The Bakos Group in Springfield and as a teacher and assistant director of group life services at Brightside in West Springfield.

Campanella holds a B.S. in education from Bridgewater State College, an M.Ed. in student personnel administration from Springfield College, and is working on his M.B.A. at Western New England College. He is a member of the New England Association of College Admissions Counselors.

Within the community, Campanella has been a Spirit of Springfield volunteer since 1991 and has co-chaired the fundraising and publicity committees for the Pioneer Valley Boy Scout Troop 75 Parent Association.

"We are delighted that Dean Campanella has joined the enrollment services team here at Bay



WILLIAM F. CAMPANELLA

Path," said President Leary. "His solid enrollment management skills with a variety of populations coupled with a proven record of success will be important to the growth of Bay Path College as a four-year institution."

Parent/Teacher Conference Night At Jr. High On Monday, Nov. 18th

On Monday, November 18, 1996, the Agawam Junior High School will conduct its annual Parent/Teacher Conference Night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. During the week of November 4th, teachers will mail home invitations for these eight-minute individual conferences.

Parents who receive invitations are asked to telephone the guidance office at 789-1400, ext. 482, either Wednesday, November 13th, or Thursday, November 14th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in order to schedule a time for these conferences. Parents are advised to call promptly to reserve a time that is most convenient for them.

School principal Kevin C. Littlefield states that parents who do not receive an invitation but still wish to see an individual teacher should contact the guidance office on Friday, November 15th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., as a limited

number of appointments have been made available for those parents.

He points out that any parent calling on Friday, November 15th, but not able to schedule an appointment for Monday, November 18th, will receive a call from the teacher in order to discuss their child's current academic standing.

Mr. Littlefield explains that the conference night format was developed by the staff as a means of eliminating overcrowded conditions and long waiting lines. Also, he believes that communication is more effective during these lengthier appointments.

Mr. Littlefield invites parents to keep in close contact with the school's guidance counselors and teachers in order to monitor their child's progress throughout the academic year.

Check our classified pages every week!!!

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 4th: Pepperoni-topped pizza, seasoned green & wax beans, chilled pears, milk.

Tuesday, November 5th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven-baked beans, tossed garden salad with spinach greens & dressing, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, November 6th: Baked macaroni with cheese sauce, niblet corn, bread & butter, applesauce, jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, November 7th: Taco boat with cheese topping, seasoned diced carrots, mild taco sauce, apple crisp, milk.

Friday, November 8th: Sliced turkey sandwich in roll, golden French fries with catsup, sweet corn kernels, chocolate brownie, milk.

* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1.

(Tickets must be purchased on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: the **Agawam School Lunch**.)

November Calendar Of Events At Agawam High School

Throughout November: AHS Band orange and grapefruit sale.

November 1st: Blood drive - Future Teachers' Club.

November 1st & 2nd: Celebration of "El Dia de los muertos" - Spanish classes.

November 2nd: AHS vs. Minnechaug on "As Schools Match Wits," Channel 22 at 7:30 p.m.

November 4th: AHS Band Parents' meeting.

November 7th-10th: AFS International Weekend.

November 12th: Math Team meet at Deerfield; Multicultural Club, cultural day at Fleet Center, Boston - "A World of Difference."

November 14th: School Council meeting, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

November 14th & 15th: Fall Top 40; AHS Model Congress Club trip to Yale University's Model Congress.

November 20th: Harlem Rockets at AHS.

November 21st: AHS OPEN HOUSE; Tobacco Awareness Day - "Great American Smokeout"; Red Ribbon Campaign - Peer Leadership - at Open House; Math Club bake sale at Open House.

November 22nd: Senior Class "Kid Party."

November 27th: AHS Football - Gridiron Bonfire.

GUIDANCE

November 2nd: SAT's.

Agawam's 1996-97 AHS UNIQORN Staff



STAFF MEMBERS OF THE 1996-1997 Agawam High UNIQORN staff take time out for a photo as they prepare their publication schedule for the year. English Department member Larry O'Brien is the faculty advisor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Award-Winning AHS Band Seeking "Your Pennies & Change"

Do you save pennies? Have you been wondering what to do with them? We have a great idea.

With another competitive marching band season completed, the hardworking Marching Mohawks Band and Colorguard can feel extremely proud of their accomplishments! They have represented Agawam High School performing in two parades, two performances at The Big E, four judged Field Show Competitions, and all Agawam Brownie home football games.

The Colorguard and several sections of the Band have received ratings of "Excellent" this fall, and the entire Band earned an "Excellent" rating in Rockville, Connecticut. Our Marching Mohawks were awarded First Place in Springfield's Columbus Day Parade in 1995, and earned "Excellent" and "Superior" ratings for marching, jazz, and concert at the New York Music Festival in May.

The indoor winter colorguard, "The Legend," received all "Superior" ratings and several First Place titles, and placed second in the New England Finals. Jazz Band's achievements includ-

ed a Silver medal at the State Finals, and a "Superior" rating at the Berklee Music Festival. These kids are awesome!

This coming Spring, our Band will be travelling to the All American Music Festival in Orlando, Florida! They will be competing with bands from across the nation in concert, marching, guard, and jazz categories. A highlight of this trip will be a performance appearance in Disney World!

Your pennies and change can help send us to Disney World to represent Agawam. Donation containers can be found at local businesses in town, from now until the first of the New Year. Pennies may also be delivered directly to the High School office, and arrangements can be made to pick up your pennies by calling the Band's direct telephone, 789-4488.

We'd love your help! And please let us show you what we can do ... come out and show your support for the Brownies and the Marching Mohawks at the annual Thanksgiving Day Football Game, our final field show appearance this fall.

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JAMMING JAY GRIFFIN

Fabulous Harlem Rockets To Take On Agawam High All Stars On November 20th

"Jamming" Jay Griffin, 6'6", is a very exciting player/comedian with great potentials who could have played professional football, but chose basketball comedy.

Being a free agent who played comedy basketball with the Magicians, and most recently the Harlem Wizards, he has signed a contract to play with the Fabulous Harlem Rockets for the next three years.

"Jamming" Jay can juice up the fans with his spontaneous laughter, comedy, and his jumping ability. He is a happy-go-lucky guy that enjoys comedy basketball to the fullest. He has great untapped potentials to be the best comedy person in the business.

Don't miss the opportunity to see one of the greatest basketball comedians in the Northeast when he appears with the Harlem Rockets to take on the Agawam High All-Stars at the Agawam High School on November 20th at 7:00 p.m.

"Jamming" Jay Griffin was born in Springfield, Massachusetts — the birthplace of basketball — but football was his number one sport. He played four years of high-powered high school football and basketball in Texas.

Jay was heavily recruited for football. He was a blue chip prospect (a two-time, all-state defensive

back) who was a vicious tackler who liked to hit people.

He accepted a football scholarship to Clemson, but turned down the scholarship because he was told that he wouldn't be able to be a walk-on for basketball. He therefore matriculated to Henderson County Junior College in Texas, where he played and excelled in football and basketball.

After graduating from Junior College, Jay Griffin was heavily recruited by several Division I southern colleges to play football. Jay chose to take his athletic prowess to Oklahoma City University, where he was able to play football and basketball.

He played basketball for the legendary coach by the name of Abe Lemons. Jay got his offensive game together by averaging 17 points and 17 rebounds per game, and was named to the First Team All-Sooner Athletic Conference.

The Harlem Rockets' local appearance is being sponsored by the Agawam High School PTO. Advance tickets are presently on sale at Agawam High School, Agawam Town Hall, and by calling 786-1982. Tickets can also be purchased at the box office on the day of the game.

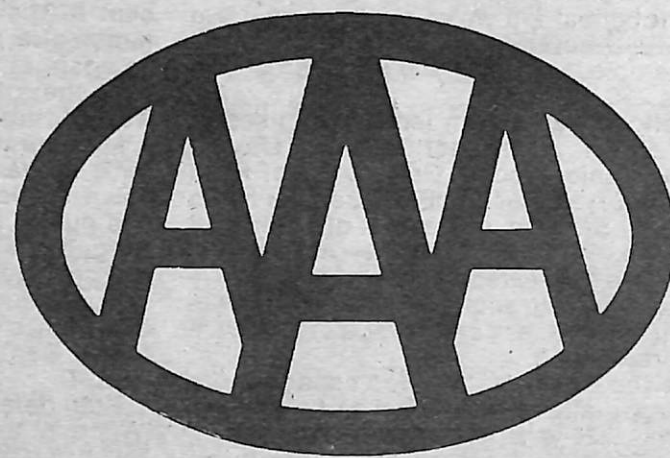
Come early and stay late; don't miss this great basketball wizardry! Autographs and Harlem Rockets souvenirs will be available.

Boy Scout Troop 78 To Hold FADS T-Shirt Sale On November 2nd

Boy Scout Troop 78 will be sponsoring a FADS t-shirt sale on Saturday, November 2nd, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street in Feeding Hills.

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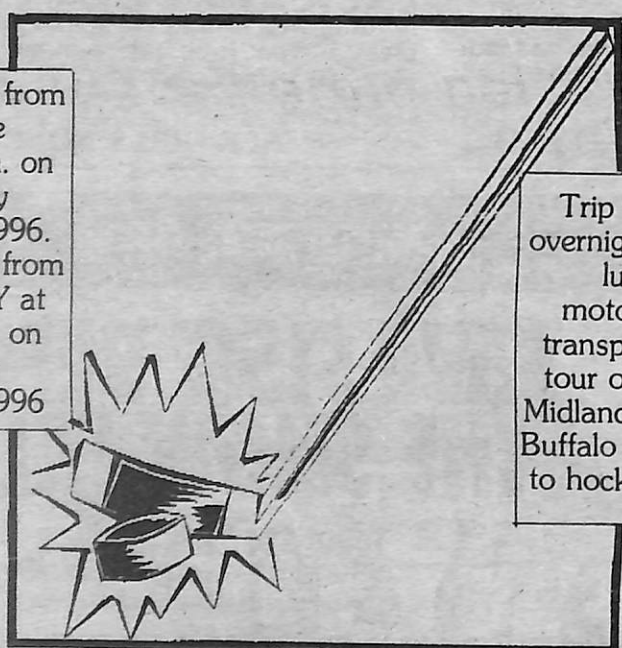
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Sports

Brownies' Football Whips Westfield For 2nd Straight

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For the first four weeks of this football season, the Agawam High football Brownies subsisted mainly on a diet of humble pie. Two straight wins, however, have cleansed their palate to a degree. And while a 2-4 record is not necessarily a feast, the club has to have a much better taste in their mouths.

They feasted well on AA Conference foe Westfield last Friday night at Harmon Smith Field, coming away with a satisfying 21-3 win. Offensively, it was a workman-like job led by junior quarterback Eric Melbourne (9-13, 102 yards, 2 TD passes), senior wideout Phil McGeoghan (5 catches, 62 yards, 2 TD's), and senior tailback Jeff Blews (22 carries, 102 yards, 1 TD).

Brownie Coach Dean Vecchiarelli had high praise for the running back. "Jeff is, pound for pound, the toughest kid we've ever coached. He plays both ways, never comes out of a game, and leads by example. He's only 150 pounds but can bench press 250."

Defensively, it was a gem led by the likes of freshman Brian Gallagher, junior Darrell Malachowski, junior George Graves, junior Ryan Wilson, senior Bryan Menard, Blews, senior Kevin Perreault, Andy St. Jean, and a host of others. All those folks on the down and dirty side of the scrimmage line deserved a game ball. They played in-your-face, rip-your-gourd-off, knock-you-out football. Their hits were savage. They were looking to draw blood.

And while the Bombers' "D" was capable in its own right, especially in the second half (when the only score was a 26-yard, Kyle Marshall field goal), the Agawam defenders played the entire game like it was the last one they would ever play.

Westfield got into trouble early on. On a fourth and 14 at their own 39, they had to punt. The ball sailed over Kyle Marshall's head. When it died at the Bomber 7, there to pounce on it was Ryan Wilson. Blews then got the call. And two plays later, plus a Westfield offside, Blews took it over from the one for his sixth TD of the season. Tony Planzo made it 7-0, Agawam, at 7:20 of the first quarter.

A Grim Defensive War

The rest of the quarter saw a grim defensive war. With the crashing of helmets and pads echoing throughout Harmon Smith Field, the first 12 minutes ended with the score still 7-0.

Things were in a defensive mode until 4:35 of the second quarter when the Brownies took a punt and started on their own 35 yard line. The Bomber defense gave ground grudgingly. And at the 2:10 mark, facing a fourth and two at the Westfield 46, it looked like the Brownies were thinking punt. But you could almost tell everyone in the joint, except maybe the 11 Bombers on the field and their

30 or so comrades and coaches on the bench, had other thoughts. By the way Agawam was lined up, with Phil McGeoghan playing in the punt formation (just a tad deeper than a shotgun quarterback would play), something was brewing. And it wasn't the hot coffee at the concession stand.

Sure enough, Planzo the punter never touched the ball. Instead, McGeoghan took the snap, cut left, gained six on the fake punt, and ended up with a first and 10 at the 40 yard line of a snookered Westfield defense.

Five plays later, Melbourne hit McGeoghan on the left flat. The big tri-captain lugged it in for a 19 yard touchdown with 1:27 left in the half. Planzo made it 14-0. The entire drive took 10 plays and covered 65 yards in 3:15 seconds.

Westfield, perhaps with the specter of the fake punt in the back of its minds, took the kickoff, fumbled it, but got it back. Then they coughed it up again at their 25. This time, Malachowski was right there to gobble up the ball. The Brownies were sitting pretty with 51 seconds left.

Melbourne and McGeoghan hooked up again for a 25 yard TD. McGeoghan went on a streak down the left sideline. He entered the end zone and put on the brakes. The Bomber 'D' back kept on going. The tall wideout (6'4") leapt skyward and snagged the Melbourne strike for his second six of the contest and 11th of the season to lead the Conference. Planzo again converted. The teams went into the locker rooms with Agawam up 21-0.

Both defenses stepped it up in the second half. (Witness the fact that Blews could gain only seven yards on four carries.) But the Brownies were pumped up as well. Gallagher, hitting everything wearing a read jersey, had a fumble recovery in the third quarter. In the fourth period after its field goal at 8:39 had made it 21-3, Westfield had its best shot at a touchdown. They'd gotten to the Brownie 41.

With 3:35 left, a pass from quarterback Sergio Bonavita to Kyle Marshall was complete at the Agawam 27 yard line. Only a saving, shoetop tackle by Mike Wing kept Marshall from taking the ball in for a touchdown.

Interception Seals The Victory

On that same Westfield series, Blews ran down a Bomber reverse for an eight yard loss. On the next play, McGeoghan blitzed from his safety spot and ran down Bonavita from behind to make it fourth and 15. McGeoghan also had an interception with time running out to seal the victory.

"They were a big team. But we felt we had better players at the skilled positions. We played ball

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AHS Girls' Soccer...

Second Half Surge By EL Keeps AHS From Tournament

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

All the Agawam High girls' soccer team needed Monday night was one measly point to get into the Western Massachusetts Division I playoffs. A win or a tie against visiting East Longmeadow would do the trick. After all, they had beaten them at their place, 3-1, earlier in the season. And maybe the Spartans, who'd already made the post-season, wouldn't be so up for this game, at least not as much as the struggling Brownies. Wrong.

East Longmeadow came to play and took out AHS, 4-1. Maybe the revenge factor had something to do with it.

That game in East Longmeadow was a bitter one. The fans were all over Brownie star Kristen Patterson. Some of the players heard their folks in the stands.

The Brownies, running on adrenaline, came right out of the chute. And before you knew it, they had a corner kick. Jill DeMarco took it from the right side and drove a ground ball in front of the Spartan net. Patterson was right on it and drove the ball home for her 11th goal with 1:58 gone in the game.

The cold and windblown Brownie faithful on hand must have started dreaming right then about playoff glory. But after a fashion, things began getting sullen.

True, the Brownies were still putting pressure on the EL net. Leading the way were Heather Arcangelletti, Sarah Cote, Patterson, and Cindy Alfano. They were spreading out the field and beating the Spartans to the ball.

And the Agawam defense with Tara Grealis and Danielle DiStefano seemed up to the occasional EL offensive thrust.

Brownies Have More Than One Opportunity...

The Brownies had more than one opportunity to put it in the net for a second time throughout the first half. Gina Loudfoot had a ball slap off her face and onto her foot. She raced towards the Spartan goal, semi-free of the defense, and let one fly from 30 feet out. It just slid to the right of the open right-hand corner.

A few moments later, Carrie Janik was in a crowd in front of the EL goal. She let it fly through a screen. The ball was tracked down by Spartan keeper Lindsay Sawyer. The Brownies were doing a lot of offensive gyrations. The problem — nothing was hitting the back of the net. "Our problem all year long has been not finishing off the play," Brownie Coach Mary Murray observed later.

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Varsity Field Hockey Review.. AHS Field Hockey Ends Season With Solid 4-1 Win

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High varsity field hockey team finished up its season last Friday with a convincing 4-1 win over Westfield, to finish at 5-8-5 (5-3-4 in the Southern Division). In that game, the Brownies' Amy Bilodeau got the hattrick. "That game was a big part of the season for us," Brownie Coach Carla Warner admitted. "It showcased everything we'd practiced all year and showed everything we were capable of doing."

Even though the Brownies didn't make the playoffs, the coach noted that their big win knocked the Bombers out of the post season, as well. She added, "It was kind of strange playing in Westfield, because that's where I live and I knew people on both sides of the field."

She thinks the program is progressing. "(Former Coach) Cindy (Grieve) has three programs going at the High School; varsity, JV, and freshmen. Some of the varsity girls held a workshop this year for the younger kids. And we have support across the board at AHS for the program," Warner noted. She also said that maybe some intramural field hockey competition at the seventh and eighth grade levels might hone some skills and get more girls into the sport.

As for the five wins AHS fought hard to get, she noted, "I would have liked to have gone about 500. That's always my goal. But luck is involved in all sports. At times, some of it doesn't go your way. We can't play the coulda', shoulda', woulda' game."

Positive Qualities

She felt the team showed some extremely positive qualities. "When we took the field, we went about our business. We didn't question any calls. Some teams played a little too roughly against us. We did our jobs without comment. We lost all of last year's defense to graduation. Some of the kids had to learn new positions because of that. They just went out and did it, without complaints."

Then Warner mentioned senior goalie Andrea Nolan. "I think Andrea was one of the top goalies in Western Mass. Among other things, she didn't allow any goals on penalty shots for the entire year."

Of course, there were areas in need of improvement. Sometimes they played the other team's game instead of their own. She stressed that they practiced their game all week, so why do what the other people were doing.

Warner says she'll have a good nucleus coming back. Among the returnees will be Stefanie Fleming, Allison Pratt, Kelli Kunkel, Shauna Hadden, Ashley Corbin, and (goalie) Mary Lou Dupelle, who will come up from the JV team. Heather Hughes will also figure in.

Fleming, a junior midfielder, ended up with five goals and eight assists for 13 points. Senior midfielder Jill Pavelcsyk chipped in with eight goals and two assists for 10 points. And senior Amy Bilodeau had five scores and five assists. They finished fourth, sixth, and seventh (respectively) among the top 10 scorers in the Southern Division. Also playing well was senior Annie Bianca.

Lots Of Depth

"We have a strong group in the 10th grade and depth on the JV's. And our freshman program came along nicely," she observed.

How was the experience of her first season coaching Agawam High field hockey? "It was a great time," she responded. Warner mentioned that she inherited a group of mature girls who were classy. "Field hockey attracts a special type of athlete—bright, caring, and eager to learn," Warner smiled.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL 1996 girls' field hockey team. Back row - Steph Fleming, Kelli Kunkul, Tara Bowler, Jen Stratton, Shauna Hadden, Ashley Corbin, Jessica Couture, and Pam Eaton. Middle row - Jen Rendrick, Kim Koehler, Melissa Berry, Alison Pratt, Jessica Perry, Becki Budreau, Jill Pavelcsyk, and Andrea Nolan. Front row - Amy Bilodeau, Coach Carla Warner, and Annie Bianca. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RECEIVING FLOWERS for their last game as field hockey players for Agawam High are Class of 1997 members Karen Nasiacka, Wesley Guowski, Pam Eaton, Kim Koehler, Jen Stratton, Tara Bowler, Jessica Couture, Jill Pavelcsyk, Amy Bilodeau, Andrea Nolan, and Annie Bianca. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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control and just tried to eat up the clock. If they don't have the ball, they can't score. Our strategy worked," Vecchiarelli noted.

BROWNE STATISTICS: RUSHING - Blews, 22 carries, 102 yards, 1 TD. Wing, 1 carry, 10 yards. McGeoghan, 1 carry, 1 yard. Perreault, 1 carry, 1 yard. Gallagher, 2 carries, 1 yard.

PASSING - Melbourne, 13 attempts, 9 completions, 102 yards, 2 TD's. **RECEIVING** - McGeoghan, 5 catches, 62 yards, 2 TD's. Perreault, 2 catches, 13 yards. Blews, 1 catch, 14 yards. Wing, 1 catch, 13 yards.

BROWNE NOTES: STATS THROUGH SIX GAMES. RUSHING - Blews, 84 carries, 478 yards, 6 TD's, one 2-pt. conversion, 5.6 yards per carry. McGeoghan, 11 attempts, 55 yards, 9.3 yards per carry. Melbourne, 18 carries, 94 yards, 1 TD, 5.2

yards per carry, 10 sacks minus 57 yards.

Perreault, 11 carries, 103 yards, 2.8 yards per carry. Gallagher, 14 carries, 79 yards, 5.6 yards per carry. Graves, 5 carries, 34 yards, 6.8 yards per carry. Curto, 5 carries, 35 yards, 6.8 yards per carry.

RECEIVING - McGeoghan, 18 catches, 378 yards, 9 TD's, 21.0 yards per reception. Menard, 16 catches, 187 yards, two 2-pt. conversions, 11.6 yards per reception. Perreault, 7 catches, 72 yards, 10.2 yards per reception. Gallagher, 1 catch, 2 yards, 1 TD. Blews, 1 for 14. Mangano, 1 for 8. Wing, 1 for 13.

McGeoghan also has a touchdown on an 80 yard kickoff return and a touchdown on a 70 yard punt return for a total of 11 so far.

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Central High To Give AHS Grid Huge Test

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Central High School will come calling up at Harmon Smith Field this Friday night. The Golden Eagles will be coming off an impressive 51-21 win over Holyoke (a team that beat the Brownies in a 28-23 thriller back on October 11th).

"There's no question about it. Central is a good, quick, and athletic team. They don't pass much. And they run a simple 'I' formation offense. Bit it works for them," AHS Coach Dean Vecchiarelli said.

And run they did against the Purple Knights. Five-foot, eight-inch, 190-pound junior fullback Curtis Upshaw had a field day, rushing for 228 yards and four TD's on 28 carries. "We'll have to key on him," Vecchiarelli noted.

To that end, the coach says they'll put eight or nine guys on or up close to the line, in an effort to make them throw, which they don't like to do. The coach did note, however, that if they play defense against Central the way they played it against Westfield, they'll have a very good chance of winning.

Keeping Things Simple

Defensively, Central is much the same; they keep things simple with a basic 5-2. "They don't do much on 'D' either. But what they do, they do well," Vecchiarelli said. To that end, he feels they'll try and keep the ball on the ground. "We'll attempt to shorten up the game, much like we did against Westfield."

But he didn't rule out his quick strike air force of Eric Melbourne to Phil McGeoghan. These two can get six in a hurry.

The Brownies came out of the Westfield game in good shape. Senior defensive standout Mike Mangano (6'1", 200 pounds) suffered a slightly sprained ankle. But the coach expects him to be ready Friday night.

Vecchiarelli doesn't feel Central will be the toughest team he'll face to date. He awards that honor to Northampton, who beat them 21-15 in the Brownies' season opener. 'Hamp also beat Central earlier this year.

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East Longmeadow did finish one off at the 7:51 mark. Jenny Hill got it. She would have the hat trick for the night. The half ended in a 1-1 tie.

Agawam came out flying in the second half and came down to earth in a hurry, courtesy of a Spartan goal 3:20 in. They scored again at the 25:48 mark. Forty-five seconds later, they put in another one.

That 4-1 score translated into curtains. Agawam couldn't get any sustained offensive drive fired up after that. They saw a 7-8-2 season come to a close.

There were tears after it was over. Murray had a few of her own. She loves her kids and hates to lose. "What do you say to them? We should have never let ourselves get into a last-game situation like this. That's a lot of pressure to be under on a cold night in high winds. But we did improve as the year went along," she smiled.

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Agawam High School JV & Frosh News

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Freshman Field Hockey Review

The AHS freshman girls' field hockey team finished up its season last week with a 1-0 win over Cathedral. Their final record was 2-3-4. First-year Coach Kelly Hellstein saw some positive things in the play of her baby Brownies.

"They had a great attitude, as well. They were always smiling. And even though some of them had to sit on the bench for some games and got less playing time than they might have liked, no one complained."

She also mentioned some of the girls who showed well for her. Among them were **Suzanna Vallejo**, **Sarah Vincent**, and **Stephanie McLane**. The coach also singled out two defensive specialists, **Sarah Prussman** and **Laura Charest**. "We didn't score as much as we would have liked. They really helped out our keeper, **Kristen Kocot**, who had a fine season in her own right."

Hellstein feels the freshman team will see more girls try out for a spot because many of the kids on this year's club will move up to the JV level.

Next year, she says, they'll stress basic skills again. And they'll also work on their attack. "We need to score more," she noted.

On her first year at the freshman helm, she admitted to being a little nervous. "I felt I had a big job ahead of me. It was fun to see the kids keep improving all year long. I hope to be back next season. This team can only get better."

Freshman Girls' Soccer Review

On Tuesday, the Agawam freshman girls' soccer team ended its season with a 2-1 loss to Ludlow (which had four varsity players on the roster). "We played very well against them," Coach Mike Dobise noted. **Hillary King** was the goal-scorer for the Brownies. Last week, they lost a tough one to Westfield, 2-0. The baby Brownies ended up at 6-6-2.

The coach looked back on the year just completed. He felt the strength of the team was putting in the effort in practice and in games. "In the game, they stepped up," the coach said. "They all had a good sense of how to play the game."

What will the girls have to work on if they continue their soccer careers? "They must continue to be aggressive and never lose their great work ethic," the coach said.

The high point of the season, according to Dobise, was the way they played from the start of the year to the final game with Ludlow.

Their low point was last week's Westfield game. "We just didn't have it in that one," the coach smiled.

He felt he met his goals this year, including teaching the kids how to play the game by dipping into a well of knowledge replenished by 16 years of coaching. "I think I've prepared them properly for the next level. But they will have to want it and do it."

He singled out some kids who rose to the challenge all season long. "**Nichole Mullaney** contributed a lot at halfback," he said.

He mentioned that **Erin Sullivan** played a "great" game on Tuesday afternoon against Ludlow. She helped shut down most of their offense.

And then there was **Amanda Tilden**. She only started playing again after breaking her leg last spring in a youth soccer game. "She saw some minutes in the last few games. She has courage and talent," he noted.

JV Boys' Soccer Season Review

The JV boy's soccer season ended prematurely Monday afternoon when their game at West Side was cancelled because of wet conditions. But the week before, they ended up on a winning note, besting Holyoke, 3-1, on goals by **Umberto Santaniello**, **Barry Ward**, and **Guillermo Len** off an assist by **Dan Cizek**.

Coach Glenn Olson feels the high point of the season was their 2-1 win over Comp a week ago last Wednesday. Cizek got the first goal from

Ward. The teams were tied with 40 seconds left when Santaniello put one in on an assist by **Dan Balbony**.

The low point was a 1-5 start. But they recovered, went on to win seven straight, and ended up with a 9-5-3 record.

The coach felt their strength was keeping the ball on the ground and working it. Putting the ball in the air was something they had to work on because they didn't have that many tall kids.

About his team, he said, "They had great personalities and they worked well together on the field."

The coach rated himself as always learning from the players in the six years he's been a soccer coach. "I'll always make sure I get some input from them. I hope it will continue to make me a better coach as the years go by."

Some of the kids he'll remember from his club include goalie **Gary Montolesky**. "Gary made some great saves in both our games with Comp." The coach called **Dan Cizek** "a quiet kid but deadly when he plays."

Dave Federico and **Chris Trevethan** also stood out during the season, according to the coach.

Freshman Football Vs. Chicopee

The 5-0 Agawam High freshman football team continues to overwhelm its competition. Last Friday afternoon, Chicopee became the latest victim to the tune of 34-0. The win didn't come as much of a surprise to freshman Coach Kirk Parker. "Earlier in the year we beat them, 42-0." He smiled, then added, "They've gotten better since then."

The first quarter saw the first Brownies' score. Fullback **Russ Smith** ran one in from six yards out. He had a good day, with 90 yards on the ground. Shortly after, tight end **Victor Romano** rolled on a Pacer mistake in the end zone for a safety. After one, it was 8-0, Brownies.

The second quarter saw Agawam take to the air, as **Jason Daigneau** snared a pass from **Brian St. Jean** for a 43-yard score. The two-point conversion saw the first half end 16-0, Brownies.

Romano was headhunting in the end zone once again in the third. He fell on another ball for another safety. The beat went on a little bit later. St. Jean hit **Mike Martin** for a 15-yard score. It was 26-0 after three.

Late in the fourth quarter, Romano capped off the scoring with a nine-yard TD run. The young Brownies upped their record to 5-0.

Parker noted that the Pacers held the ball more than his team did, but he also noted that his club did more with it when they had it. "We played tough defense," he said.

Next up on Friday will be Central. "They'll be tough. Since they started a freshman program five years ago, Agawam has never beaten them. We did tie them, however," Parker smiled.

JV Football Vs. Westfield

The junior varsity football team grabbed a 12-8 win over Westfield Monday afternoon to up its record to 2-4. Coach Mike Birk was pleased with the performance of his club. "I changed my offensive line around a little to get more movement," he said.

It was a windy afternoon so the coach decided to tour the field by land for much of the game. Their first score came in the first quarter, courtesy of a 30-yard **Jamal Hankerson** run to make it 6-0.

In the second quarter, with the big wind in their faces, they stayed on the ground behind fullback **George Graves** and tailback **Vinnie Curto**, who were both tearing up big chunks of yardage. They were up 6-0 at the half.

They had the wind with them in the third. That fact prompted Birk to air it out. **Andy St. Jean** hit **Tony Planzo** with a 43-yard bomb. Planzo made a

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great catch on the ball. That effort set up another pass to Planzo, resulting in a 20-yard TD pass. When the quarter ended, the Brownies enjoyed a 12-0 advantage.

They saw the Brownies get on the board in the fourth. They blocked an Agawam punt in the end zone for a TD, then got the conversion to make it 12-8. They tried an onside kick which backfired. The Brownies ran out the clock for the win.

Birk singled out his defense. "Norm Gagne had two sacks and a fumble recovery. Ryan Drobot chipped in with an interception, as did Ryan Longtin," he smiled, then added, "We were emotional and aggressive. When we run well, we usually win."

Freshman Boys' Soccer

The Agawam High boys' freshman soccer team ended its season Monday afternoon, beating West Springfield, 2-0. Both goals were scored by Barry Ward. That win brought their final record to 10-5-2.

After it was over, Coach Al O'Quinn looked back. "We had good finishers in Joe Divirgilio and Ward. We were strong in goal all year, with Derek Mercadante doing the bulk of the work. Brad Theriaque was our main marking back all season. He did a good job. I think those factors were our strengths, along with team unity," the coach observed.

He also noted that they depended a lot on Divirgilio and Ward because of their skill. They were called up to the JV's quite a bit. Then the club had to depend more on developing a passing game. When they came back down, they blended right in. The situation made the team stronger.

The coach noted that if freshman soccer has a weakness, it's the fact that the coach has to start from scratch every year. "We don't have a nucleus to work with at this level because the kids leave either to the JV's, the varsity, or on to other things," he said.

On coaching this season, O'Quinn answered this way: "I'm here to teach soccer, whether we go 10-0 or 0-10. I hope I do a good job. When the kids say 'thank-you' at season's end, or the parents say 'good job' when a game is over, that's the kind of thing that says I'm doing my job."

Though he wanted to name his entire team, he picked out some kids who stood out for him. Jonathan Ashwell at midfield came to mind, as did Steve Hearn. "Steve stepped up as a utility player this year," the coach said. "Then there was Mike Sullivan. He was all hustle and heart. He played twice his size."

The coach also noted that Matt Quirk raised his level of play as the season progressed.

JV Girls' Soccer Season Review

The JV girls' soccer team had better luck than the varsity Monday evening against East Longmeadow. They beat the Spartans, 1-0, on a first-half goal by Shauna Suffriti.

That game capped a turnaround season of major proportions. They started out losing their first four games of the year. Coach Lynda Kunasek had to do something, so she installed a new 4-4-2 offense. Gradually, the kids got used to it and ended up going 9-1 in the second half of the season.

Kunasek noted that the prime strength of her club this year was the fact that they didn't let adversity get them down. "We pulled together through teamwork. That made all the difference," she said.

She also noted that during the off-season they'll work on their physical strength, especially in their legs for better shot velocity.

She looked back on her coaching performance this year. "I just tried to get the kids to stay focused and not give up because of our poor start. Along the way, I think they took on some of my personality, which is a positive one and a bit emotional," she said.

Her custom is not to mention any one performance by her girls because she always wants to include everyone. But this time she wanted to give special thanks to her three captains, Kara Tierney, Linda Roy, and Franca Bonavita.

And we must make an important correction. In our last issue, we said in their last meeting this season, the JV girls tied Cathedral. That was not the case. In fact, they beat the powerful Purple Panthers, 1-0.

"That was the first time in the history of soccer in Western Massachusetts that an Agawam High girls' JV team has beaten Cathedral," Kunasek noted proudly.

Junior Varsity Field Hockey

Last week, the junior varsity field hockey team beat Minnechaug, 2-0, on two goals by Gina Cellilli and two assists by Sarah Latif. They also squeaked by Westfield, 1-0, on a Sarah Naciewicz score. Those wins gave them a season-ending 13-3-2 slate.

Coach Beth Schroeder was pleased with her club's showing. "The record is nice. But it was more important to be a team. And we were."

It was Schroeder's first season at the JV helm. "They all wanted to win, and so did I. We learned how to do it together as a team," she noted.

She felt their strength was indeed teamwork. "They got the ball down the field with good unselfish passing. Many times, the effort was

AHS Soccer Looks To Playoffs



CLASS OF 1997 members of the Agawam High boys' varsity soccer team are looking forward to the upcoming Western Mass. Division I playoffs after winning their division for the first time in the school's history. Back row, from left - Nick Dion, Jay Malone, Mike Forastiere, Chris Bitzas, Todd Godfrey, Todd Jorgenson, Tony Alfano, and Jack Blair. Kneeling - Jay Jean, Steve Rovithis, Bill Maroni, and Dan Siano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

rewarded with a goal," she added.

Many of the kids on this successful team will be with the varsity next season. "When they get to that level, they'll be expected to do the same things they did with me, only with more consistency," she said. "I think they'll be okay, though."

She said she did the best job she could. "But I think the kids make the team. I can only teach them the best I can."

She felt the high point of the season was the

season. "Everything started out great and only got better," she laughed.

There was one low point of sorts. "At the start of the year, we went out to Greenfield and got beaten, 7-0. It was tough. But all during the game, the kids didn't give up against a very good team. They played with pride the whole way."

She wanted to name some kids who stepped up: Heather Hughes, Sarah Latif, Sarah Naciewicz, and goalie Mary Dupelle.

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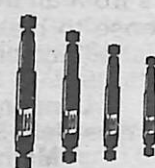


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AHS Gymnastics Rolling Along At Undefeated Pace

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High School girls' gymnastics team continues its roll through Western Massachusetts.

On Tuesday night, they were in South Hadley for a tri-meet with the Tigers and Chicopee Comp. They took first with a 124.35. South Hadley grabbed second at 102.2. Comp was a distant third with 97.3. The win upped the Brownies' season record to a perfect 8-0.

The all-around went to Agawam's Lindsey Hadden. The sophomore scored a 32.3.

The vault saw them grab four of the top five places. All Western Mass. performer Melanie DeMastrie was first with an 8.5. Hadden came in second at 8.4. Sophomore Kim Pietroniro grabbed third at 7.9. And Jessica Hansen, a junior, was fifth with a 7.5.

The always-tough uneven bars witnessed another strong Brownie performance, as they took three of the top five spots. Hadden's 7.55 was good enough for first. Melanie and Amanda Peters tied for second at 7.0. Kelly Mullen was fifth with a 6.2.

Things got even better on the beam. The Brownies took four of the top five spots there. First went to DeMastrie, 8.4; Hadden tied for second at 7.8; Pietroniro has fourth all to herself, turning in a 7.5; and Mullen came in fifth with a 7.3.

So what else is new? Agawam hit the floor and came up with Pietroniro and Hadden in a tie for first at 8.55. DeMastrie danced to 8.5 and a third-place finish. Hansen was fifth at 8.15.

Coach Angela Sullivan was pleased with her team's efforts. "They're staying strong. Earlier in the year, we had some shaky meets. But we seem to be on track now."

She likes the attitude of her team. She knows that despite their success, they aren't cocky and there isn't a swollen head to be seen. "We are going to shoot hard for an undefeated season and let the chips fall where they may," the coach explained.

Their next opponent will be Amherst this coming Wednesday.

AHS Cheerleaders Seeking Donations For Trip To London

Last month, the Agawam High School varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders participated in a summer camp sponsored by the Universal Cheerleader Association (UCA). Three members of the group — Melissa (Betty) Almquist, Natalie Piccin (varsity), and Melissa Weinle (junior varsity) — were selected to represent Agawam in the annual Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Day Parade in London, England.

We are asking all local businesses to help us defray the cost of the trip for the girls. The parade is an international event that includes cheerleaders from all over the world.

If you choose to make a donation, a fund has been established and checks should be made out to:

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Agawam Misses Undefeated Season In New England Soccer

Agawam had an undefeated season on the line in Southern New England Soccer. The East Longmeadow keeper, Rich Rodrigues, had something else in mind. Rodrigues showed great timing stopping a barrage of Agawam shots in the second half.

Agawam found itself down 3-2 late in the second half despite Brian Chechile's two goals. Don Conklin was called on to take a corner, and Sam Orlando was to try for a header.

Great corner, great header, but it hit the crossbar and bounced back. East Longmeadow scored again with two minutes left to put the nail in the coffin. The final score was 4-2.

The playoff game this Sunday, November 3rd, against East Longmeadow will again take place at their Heritage Park field at 10:00 a.m.

"Cheetahs" To Hold Basketball Tryouts On November 10th & 17th

The Western Massachusetts girls' AAU basketball "Cheetahs" have announced that tryouts for the 1997 tournament season at the Western New England College Athletic Facility will take place on November 10th and 17th.

Under 15, 16, 17, and 18 tryouts will take place at 12:45 p.m.; under 11, 12, 13, and 14 tryouts will be held at 2:45 p.m.

There will also be a parents' meeting during the tryouts.

For further information, call (413) 253-1444.

In-Town Boys' 1996 Fall Soccer (Standings As Of 10/27/96)

BOYS UNDER 12	W	L	T	P
Martin's Blue Lightning	7	1	1	15
Lyman's Blue Hawks	7	2	1	15
Fleming's Nightmare	3	4	2	8
Fontaine's Red Devils	4	5	1	9
Gregor's Hot Tomales	0	9	0	0

BOYS UNDER 10 DIV. 1	W	L	T	P
Myers' Red Storm	7	0	2	16
Toto's Ravens	6	4	0	12

Anderson's Blue Devils	4	4	2	10
Harlow's Fighting Irish	3	4	2	8
Alvanos' Orange Crushers	0	8	2	2

BOYS UNDER 10 DIV. 2	W	L	T	P
Comee's Tigers	7	1	1	15
Powers' Red Devils	7	2	0	14
Corbin's Blue Vikings	3	5	2	8
Nawskon's Green Dragons	3	6	1	7
Prisby's Dark Vaders	2	8	0	4

Agawam Soccer Assoc. STANDINGS

(As Of 10/27/96)

UNDER 10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Patrick's Red Fireballs	9	1	1	19
Lyman's Gold Diggers	6	2	2	14
Gould's Orange	3	4	3	9
Nasti's Green	3	5	3	9
Pfau's Black Blizzards	2	3	5	9
Morace's Blue	2	5	4	8
Miner's Maroon	1	7	3	5

UNDER 12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Kennedy's Green Machine	7	2	1	15
Douglas' Blue Smurf	6	1	3	15
Reilly's Black Widows	5	3	3	13
Adams' Red Fireballs	3	4	3	9
Francis' Lady Bugs	3	5	2	8
Knodler's Orange Bombers	2	6	3	7
Klimczak's Gold Stingers	1	6	3	5

UNDER 14 COED	W	L	T	P
Mouneimneh's Red Fireballs	7	3	1	15
Fleming's Green Revolution	5	2	3	13
Ellsworth's Orange Bengals	4	2	3	11
Zingarelli's Black	3	4	4	10
Pilegi's Blue	0	8	1	1

UNDER 17 COED	W	L	T	P
Brinn's Orange Mustangs	8	0	0	16
Kelly's Black Bombers	5	3	0	10
Rose's Green	1	6	1	3
Shaw's Red Rebels	1	6	1	3

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Teams Scramble For First Place In Tri-Parish Bowling

In the Monday, October 14th battle at the Agawam Bowl, Holy Cross (12 wins) moved into first place in the Tri-Parish Bowling League.

HC faced a tough match against sixth place St. Mary (10 wins) as the log-jam for first place continues.

So, over on Lanes 7 & 8, St. Mary's winners were lead-off MARIE LYNOSKY (88.8 in Unclassified Division), third roller "Long" JOHN MLINEK (332-327 winner over SUE GRIFFIN; "Long" John is third in Men's B at 96.7), and Captain RICH SNYDER, a 319-303 winner over BILLY-BOY BURLINGHAM. Rich is at 105.5 in Men's AA while Billy-Boy is second in Men's AA at 106.11.

The only winner for HC was "Wild" BILLY ALDRICH (277, 93.10 in Men's B) over KIM LACROIX (243).

In the next match-up, second place Fordham (11 wins) had its way against seventh place Georgetown (10 wins). Fordham winners were veteran roller VI MASSOIA (294, 94.13 in Women's AA), JOHN LONGRINI (301, 102.7 in Men's A), and Captain "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER, who fired a huge 391 at an overwhelmed G-Town anchorman BILL GRIFFIN (330). This was a huge night for the "Jollie" one after weeks of lethargic rolling. His average is now 102.5 in the Men's Open Class. Mr. Griffin leads the Men's A at a hefty 113.1.

The only winner for G-Town was leadoff roller LOU NAPOLITAN (267).

Fifth place St. Louis (10 wins) fought fourth place St. Michael (10 wins), and it was a St. Mike's night. St. Mike's winners were leadoff TAMMY VOGEL (269, 82.11 in Women's C), LARRY FORTIER (312, leads Men's B at 103.3), and league-leader JERRY ALLEN (368, 116.5 in Men's Open Class). Allen defeated St. Lou Captain GLENN ADAMS (328, leads Men's AA at 113.4).

The only St. Lou winner was second roller "Terrible" TERRY CERPOVICZ (305, second in Women's AA at 100.2).

Over on Lanes 1 & 2, eighth place Catholic University (9 wins) was up against last place Boston College (9 wins). BC winners were leadoff DORIS FORTIER (272, 86.1 in Women's B), DAVEY-BOY ALDRICH (271, leads Men's C at 96.6), and YVONNE CHARTIER (327, 99.9 in Women's Open).

The only winner for CU was Captain BILL GRAY, a 331-314 winner over "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK. Bill is second in the Men's Open at 116.0 while "Jungle" is at 99.11 in Men's A.

In the final match of the night, ninth place Notre Dame (9 wins) and third place St. Anselm (11 wins) were over on Lanes 5 & 6.

St. A's winners were leadoff LAURA SNYDER (239, 83.14 in Unclassified), MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (299-296 over VENETTA SNYDER: Maybeth is at 91.1 in Women's A), and DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (312, 105.14 in Men's A). The only winner for ND was Captain FLO ROCHFORD (318, 101.2 in Women's Open). She defeated St. A's Captain "Luscious" LOU MULDER, who floundered at 287 (106.0 in Men's AA).

Basketball Refs Being Sought By Parks Dept.

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for referees for the In-Town Basketball program.

Applicants must be 16 years of age by December 31, 1996 and have some basketball experience. Applications may be picked up in the Recreation Office.

Deadline for submitting applications is November 8, 1996.

The Town of Agawam is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and actively seeks applications from women and minorities.

If you have any questions, please call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, ext. 456.

Agawam Park & Rec. Men's Volleyball (Standings As Of 10/29/96)

TEAMS	W	L	P
Shotblock	10	2	28
Fitness First	9	4	28
Sideout	8	4	23
Sponsorless	4	9	14
Simmons	0	12	0



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM ATTACK U-10 boys' soccer team (back row) are pictured with members of Medford United following Agawam's 3-2 victory in the championship game. The tournament was held Columbus Day Weekend.

Agawam Attack U-10 Boys' Soccer Wins Soccerfest '96 In Northboro

The Agawam Attack boys' U-10 soccer team traveled to Northbor, MA, on Columbus Day weekend and returned home as champions.

Playing in the sixth annual Soccerfest tournament, the boys went undefeated on Saturday to qualify for Monday's semi-finals. In the semi-final, the boys were up against a high-scoring Milford Predators team who had 14 goals scored in their first three games. The Attack prevailed, 2-1, in a game that really wasn't as close as the final score indicated.

Then it was off to the finals to challenge a talented Medford United team. Again, the Attack controlled the game and came away with a 3-2 victory. Often in soccer, the final score may not in-

dicate how much a team may have outplayed their opponent, and on this day there was no doubt who the best team was.

Agawam, Medford, Milford, Northboro, Framingham, Westboro, Northbridge, and Shrewsbury were all represented in this division. Coaches Fred Perry and Jim Moran, as well as all of the boys' parents and families, are proud of the team's effort and want them to know that they are champions forever.

The team members are Joey Albano, Nick Cardaropoli, Alex Ellsworth, Andrew King, Alex Levin, Kevin Malloch, Matt Michalak, Seamus Moran, Kyle Perry, Scott Santinello, and David Summers.

Agawam Warriors Crush West Side In Youth Football Seasonal Finale

The Agawam Warriors traveled to West Springfield on Saturday, October 26th, for the last game of the season. The junior team finished the year on a winning note by trouncing West Side by a score of 30-6. Play between the two senior squads was even, but Agawam came up short by a score of 14-6.

Ryan Lottermoser scored Agawam's first touchdown in the junior game when he ran 29 yards down the right side for six points. Steve Santinello plunged over the goal line for the two-point conversion.

A 37-yard pass completion by Matt Shea set the stage for the second score. Junior quarterback Joe Clark ran the option play to perfection when he held onto the ball and then fed Ryan Lottermoser for the second touchdown. Steve Santinello followed up with his second conversion.

Agawam scored its third touchdown late in the second quarter when Joe Clark ran a quarterback keeper for two yards up the middle. The score at halftime was Agawam 22, West Springfield, 0.

The final Agawam score came late in the third quarter when Jeff Trauschke took a pitch-out and ran around the left end for a 30-yard score. Matt Shea led all receivers with two catches for 54 yards.

Ryan Lottermoser was the leading rusher, followed by Jeff Trauschke, Andy Wakelee, Tony Manzi, Mike Pickett, Joe Prova, and Kevin Borgatti.

Sean Burke led the defense with four tackles, followed by Mike Locke, Matt Shea, Steve Santinello, Mike Piccin, Craig Bernier, Chad Farrington, and Justin Perry.

The senior contest was scoreless after the first half, even though Agawam dominated with 22 plays in the first half compared to West Springfield's eight plays.

In the third quarter, West Springfield's defensive squad fell on an errant snap in Agawam's end zone for a two-point safety. West Springfield scored a touchdown in the third and fourth quarters, with the lone Agawam score coming in the fourth quarter when Brian Michael romped 62 yards around right end.

Brian Michael led rushers with 65 yards, followed by Jesse Kelleher, Brian Santinello, Tony Liquori, Nick Beaudette, and quarterback Joe Lancour.

Tony Liquori led the defensive squad with six tackles, followed by Jesse Kelleher, Tony LeClair, Mat Dion, Chris Bittner, Bill Menard, Joe Lancour, Lou Conte, Isidro Aguinaga, and Frank Ferrerino. Matt Dion made a nice defensive play in the third quarter when he stripped the ball from a West Side running back and Agawam's Bill Menard picked up the fumble.

Congratulations to all Warrior players for a great season, and good luck to the eighth grade players who will be moving up to the High School next year.

A special congratulations to coaches Kevin Gaffney and Kirk Parker and their staff whose hard work and hours of dedication are unmatched. A special thanks goes to the junior and senior cheerleading squads for the spirit and support they provide each year.

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Riverside Speedway Concludes 1996 Season With Halloween Event

Riverside Park Speedway closed out its 1996 racing campaign on Saturday, October 26th, when over 4,265 race fans flocked to the Speedway on this beautiful Indian summer day to enjoy the thrills and spills of the Halloween Howler Finale Marathon Madness Enduro and Demolition Derby.

Along with the Enduro and demolition events, Riverside Park Speedway hosted its Strictly Stock, Super Stock, Mini Stock, Half-Ton Truck, 5/8 Replica Truck, and Pro Four divisions, who all put on a great show at the tight quarter-mile bullring.

Winners on the final racing event of the season were **Mike Salmond** (Strictly Stock), **Mark Lajoie** (Super Stock), **Ace Johnson** (Mini Stock), **Russell Savoy** (Blunderbust), **Kevin Vibert** (5/8 Replicas), **David Capriati** (Half-Ton Trucks), and **Ron Smith** (Pro Four Modifieds).

As the full moon rose over the Connecticut River, the stage was set for the final racing event of the season at Riverside Park Speedway. As usual, racing under the full moon meant anything could happen, and it certainly did.

In the most exciting, and controversial, race of the evening, Glenn Reilly took the lead at the halfway mark in the 25-lap Strictly Stock feature, followed closely by Late Model veteran Gee Perry. Gee Perry was able to make the pass on Reilly and rocket to a four-car lead. However, several laps later, Perry picked the wrong lane in traffic and was passed by both Reilly and third-place runner Paul Clapprood on the outside.

After a restart for a minor spin, Perry was able to reclaim the second spot and set sail for the number one spot held by three-time feature event winner Reilly. With four laps to go, Perry charged hard out of turn four underneath Reilly, contact was made, and Reilly spun into the infield. Reilly was finished for the evening with a broken rear axle. Track officials penalized Perry for rough riding by sending him to the rear of the field.

On the ensuing restart, Clapprood stormed into the lead, with track champion Mike Salmond in tow. Salmond had not won a feature event all season and desperately wanted the checker as he dogged Clapprood for the final three circuits. On the white flag lap, Salmond drove to the inside of Clapprood going into turn three and held a slight edge as the two came off of turn four.

At the checker, Salmond spun across the finish line, and into the front stretch wall, three feet ahead of Clapprood for the well-deserved and overdue victory. Clapprood was a close second, followed by Jon Waterhouse, Ed Charette with a strong run to fourth, and Chris Valerio in for fifth.

In the Super Stocks, Mark Lajoie made it three feature wins in a row with a dominating win over Jonathan Yourga and Terry Page. As a special Halloween treat, Lajoie was allowed to put a Halloween-themed wing on top of his car, which made his already dominant car even faster.

Lajoie just about lapped the field in the 20-lap feature. Following Lajoie to the checkered flag were Jonathan Yourga in second, Terry Page for third, Super Stock Champion Keith DeSantis with fourth, and John Provencher rounding out the top five.

The Mini Stocks were again dominated by Ace Johnson, the Mini Stock Champion. Johnson jumped into the lead by lap five from his fifth starting position and never looked back.

By the time the checkered flag fell on the 20-lap

feature, the rest of the field needed to change zip codes to catch Johnson! Glen Reilly improved his luck from the Strictly Stock feature by coming home second, followed by David Sullivan, Will Smith, and Cheryl Reilly.

Russell Savoy jumped out to an early lead and dominated the Blunderbust Division action from green to checker. These 3,600-pound, big-block racers came all the way from Riverhead Raceway on Long Island, NY, to join in the Halloween Howler Finale.

The Blunderbust cars really cover an enormous amount of real estate at a tight track like Riverside and put on a great show. Savoy was followed to the checker by Christopher Laspisa, Ray Dominguez, Scott Denk, and Gordon Hayler, Jr.

The 5/8 Replica racers came from all over the Northeast, including New Hampshire and Long Island, NY, to test their skills at Riverside Park Speedway. It was Kevin Vibert's first visit to the high-banked oval on the Connecticut River. Vibert made his first trip to Riverside Park Speedway a memorable one by dominating the racing action and taking down the feature win.

The last feature event winner, Al Griffith, was able to break from the pack and attempt to track down Vibert. However, Vibert was too strong in the closing laps, relegating Griffith to second. John Rigney held on for third as multi-event winner John Pyscher dogged his back bumper to the checker. Rounding out the top five was Dan Pace with a strong fifth-place run.

In the Half-Ton Truck Feature, Dave Capriati, runner up in the point standings, was the man on the point from the very beginning of the race. Six-time winner Glen Meisenholder started near the rear of the field and quickly moved into second place.

Capriati had done a masterful job keeping Meisenholder in second by using as much real estate as possible. However, Capriati bobbled going into turn one, opening the door for Meisenholder, who darted into the lead coming out of turn two. Meisenholder quickly built up a half-straightaway lead. Unfortunately for Meisenholder, a lapped truck couldn't pick a lane on the white flag lap and made contact with the race leader, sending Meisenholder hard into the turn one wall.

Meisenholder was done for the evening, giving Capriati, who was running a strong second, the feature event win. Robert Bellinger crossed the line second, ahead of Meisenholder, Nancy Muni, and track champion Brian Wittkamp.

The Pro Four Modifieds made their final stop at Riverside Park Speedway for the 1996 season a memorable one as Ron Smith, the 1996 track champion, took down his first feature event win of the season at "The Park."

Smith was hotly pursued by Pro Four veteran George Ruff, Jr. during the entire race event. However, Ruff could not mount a charge to overtake Smith and had to settle for second. Following the first- and second-place drivers to the checkered flag were Joe Doucette, Julian Gorman, and Tom Gavine.

As part of the Fright Fest Celebration at Riverside Park and Riverside Park Speedway, the Halloween Howler Finale held its annual costume contest. The fans were encouraged to wear their best costumes to the race because the person with the

best costume would go home with a \$100 cash prize!

There were close to 100 entrants in the contest, so track officials split the entries into two divisions. The winner of the 12 and under division was three year-old "Bam Bam" Ottomanille, who was the unanimous crowd favorite.

In the 13 and older grouping, the contest came down to the entire "Simpson" family (Homer, Marge, Bart, and Lisa) and "The Baker." After a runoff vote by the crowd, Chris Woodward dressed as "The Baker" took home the second \$100 cash prize.

The final Marathon Madness Enduro event did not disappoint. In the Four-Cylinder Enduro, the number 24 of Jason Stomski had the race well in hand. By lap 18 of the 40-lap feature, he had lapped the entire field of 72 cars. Unfortunately, on lap 23, Stomski ran over a piece of debris in turn two, making his right front tire flat. He was forced to retire for the evening, handing the lead to Brian Rickett.

Rickett led for almost the remainder of the race. But with three laps to go, Enduro veteran **Ron Plourde** made a late charge and passed Rickett on the front stretch and blasted to a half-lap lead.

Plourde took down the well-earned victory and the \$300 first prize, with Rickett second and John Handcock third. The three celebrated in victory lane as all three drivers were teammates in the Four-Cylinder Enduro event.

In the Full-Size Enduro, there was plenty of action as only 12 of the 147 cars on the track were running at the end of the race. In fact, on the first lap of the feature, approximately 20 cars piled up in turns one and two, causing a huge melee in the middle of the pack.

The race see-sawed back and forth, but after the halfway point **Maniac Mike Gigantino**, a long-time Enduro racer at Riverside Park Speedway, took the lead for good. The track was extremely slippery, allowing Bob Granger to close the gap in the waning laps. But Granger was never able to get close enough to seriously contend with Gigantino, who took the checker and \$500 prize money.

Over 30 cars entered the Demolition Derby portion of the event, bent on mayhem and destruction. There were plenty of hard hits and destroyed cars early in the event, which left only five cars contending for the victory laurels within several minutes.

The winner of the demolition derby would receive double the prize money because the purse from the October 12th event was rolled over into the Halloween Howler Finale after the demolition on October 12th was red checkered when Eddie Lapinski was knocked unconscious in a vicious impact.

Lapinski was all right and was back participating in the racing action on October 26th. **David Haskell** was awarded the win and \$400 as a result of getting the last hit as time expired in the event.

Riverside Park Speedway officials would like to thank all of the competitors and race fans for their support during the 1996 racing season. Racing resumes in 1997 at Riverside Park Speedway on April 12th with the Budweiser Big Chill, featuring Modified Tour Type cars, plus Pro Stocks, Late Model Stocks, and Strictly Stocks. We hope to see you all there.

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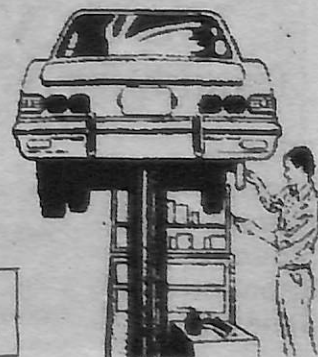
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Question 1 Is Bad Medicine For Wildlife & Sportsman Alike

Proponents of the ballot question number 1 would like you to believe that their goal is simply to ban the use of what they insist is "cruel" leg hold traps. The truth of the matter is that they are looking to get a foot in the door as they work to ban all hunting, trapping, and recreational fishing.

That's right, ban fishing! These misguided but well-intentioned "social engineers" who treat everyone else as moral inferiors, have the ultimate goal of world-wide elimination of hunting and fishing!

Those sportsmen who do not trap or hunt with dogs will still be hurt in the future should this question ever pass. This is not just about trapping. These ultra-liberal fanatics are well-financed and want to take away your God-given rights. Don't be fooled by their clever back-door approach to ending your right to hunt and fish.

A good indicator of how intellectually dishonest some of these people can be, is to read the whole scope of this question. To try and emotionally appeal to voters, they seek to ban the baiting of bears by hunters. This practice has been banned in Massachusetts for many years.

By trying to outlaw the use of hounds to run bear, they will next go after your bird dog, rabbit beagle, and coon hounds. No sportsmen will be safe from their influence once they gain control over the Fisheries and Wildlife board.

Under the present system of letting wildlife biologists scientifically manage our wildlife populations, deer and bear populations have increased dramatically. Moose are now found wandering about even in Springfield on occasion! We don't need the interference of these sinister forces with our already successful game management agency.

These anti-sportsmen groups already have a track record to go by. Their constant whining and vocal demonstrations virtually shut down the fur industry. While they were claiming victory, the raccoon population exploded, and the overcrowding allowed the rabies outbreak to become an epidemic.

During the Sportsmen's Show at the Better Living Center last winter, a mere eight or nine protesters outside received a great deal of media coverage. The nearly 100,000 hunters and fishermen who attended the big show didn't seem to count as far as the liberal media was concerned.

Area sportsmen need to do more than just vote NO on question 1! We need to talk to other people, family, friends, neighbors, and others. They must be told the truth about question 1.

There is much more at stake than just a "handful" of trappers. At stake is your right to hunt, fish, and enjoy your outdoor pursuits.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM U-10 Cobras won the Newton Girls Soccer Invitational on Columbus Day Weekend. Team members are, from left - Coach Denny Marr, Lauren Peltier, Lauren Fox, Stacy Boisvert, Julie Czuprynski, Amy Lownds, Heather Darnell, Tiffany Manzi, Jamie Cullen, Elise Davilli, Elizabeth Barker, and Assistant Coach Steve Fox. Missing: Megan Pokorny and Heather Albano.

Agawam U-10 Cobras Take Title At Newton Columbus Day Tourney

The Cobra girls, who play in the U-10 Division 1 Pioneer Valley Soccer League, are making quite a name for themselves and Agawam in the Central and Eastern part of the state. "Where are you girls from?" was heard quite a bit as the Cobras won four straight shut-out games.

During the Columbus Day Invitational Tournament in Newton, MA, the Cobras defeated Framingham, 2-0, on Saturday in their opening game. They then defeated a very tough Wellesley team, 1-0, in the afternoon.

On Sunday morning, they blanked Mansfield, 5-0, and finished off their weekend with a 4-0 victory over Westborough.

The Cobras used their trademark defense that was anchored by Lauren Fox, Julie Czuprynski, Megan Pokorny, Stacy Boisvert, and Elizabeth

Barker to turn away many rushes by the opposing teams. Excellent goaltending by Jamie Cullen and Stacy Boisvert was also key to their victories, including a great clutch stop by Jamie on a penalty kick to help secure the Cobras' 1-0 win over Wellesley.

As always, the Cobra girls generated plenty of offense. Led by Tiffany Manzi, Elise Davilli, Lauren Peltier, Heather Darnell, and Amy Lownds, the girls harassed opposing defenses and goalies alike, scoring 12 goals in four games.

The team's ability to quickly adjust to playing six girls aside (they usually play seven) and the many different rules the Eastern part of our state plays, was a tribute to the outstanding coaching they receive from Coach Denny Marr and Assistant Coach Steve Fox.

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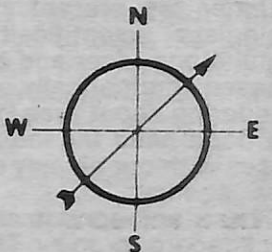
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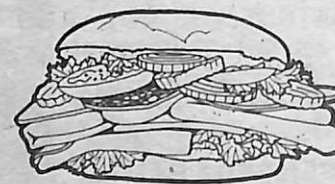
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